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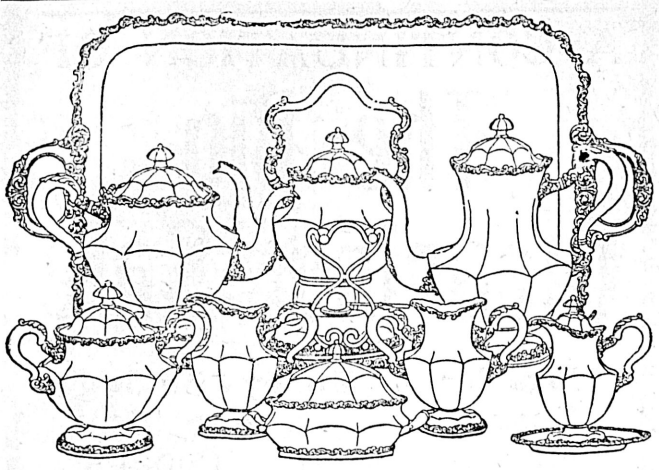

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NO LIVES LOST HAD STEAMER BEEN INSURED

Chief Engineer DeLaunay Makes Strong Statement Before the Coroner's Inquest---All Captain Thought About Was His Ship.

Had Steamer Been Well Insured no Lives Would Have Been Lost--Bad Condition of Clallam's Rudder---Roberts to Give Evidence.

When Chief Engineer DeLaunay was giving evidence yesterday before the Coroner's enquiry he said: "If the Clallam had been insured for one hundred thousand dollars I don't think any would have lost their lives. Yes, I have reached that opinion. The only object Captain Roberts had at that time was to save the ship. When he got to Seattle and was interviewed by a Seattle reporter the first thing he spoke of was his vessel. He told of how his money had helped to build the ship, and he wasn't worrying about the lives that had been lost. It was the ship he was thinking about."

Chief Engineer Scott A. DeLaunay, of the lost steamer Clallam, gave evidence yesterday at the coroner's inquest before Dr. E. C. Hart that the disaster to the steamer which involved such loss of life was due to the broken deadlight, which had been broken at least three months, and although he had notified the former master, the supervising engineer, port engineer and boss carpenter, had not been repaired. Had the rudder been in good condition, though, Capt. Roberts would have been able to get the steamer around to the wind and the broken deadlight then brought into such a position that it could have been blocked. But the rudder—the second that had been fitted to the steamer—was in bad condition. Its bad condition was so notorious that luff tackle had been fixed to aid in bringing it round. The long stock of oak was split like a bunch of straw, and when the helm was put hard over it had little effect on the rudder.

The chief engineer also gave evidence of Capt. Roberts not having informed the master of the Holyoke of the extremity of the Clallam, and of how Capt. Hall, of the Holyoke, had told witness after picking him up when the Clallam sank that had he known of the condition of the vessel he could have taken her into the lee of Smith Island. Capt. Roberts would not transfer his passengers to the tug. He could have, but he wanted them to help to save his steamer. "In my opinion," said the chief engineer, "had the Clallam been insured for a hundred thousand dollars not a life would have been lost."

These and other things were brought out in the evidence given by Chief Engineer DeLaunay. He told of the pumps, and of how the list of the steamer caused the water to be mostly on the starboard side, and, as the suction of the pumps was on the port side, the water had to be deep on the starboard side before the pumps could reach it on the port side. He did not think bailing did any good. As for the statements made of water coming in through the seacock, this was impossible. There was not an automatic valve on the seacock, just an ordinary bulb valve. He could not tell whether the flag was reversed. It was too black to distinguish whether the Union was up or down from the deck, much less from any passing vessel. None of the officers went to the boats to which they were assigned by the rules. He had been assigned to No. 3 boat, but had not been informed when it was lowered. If he had, he would not have gone into it. He said the cargo had been piled around the deck pumps. This was customary. He had not received a bell from the bridge after leaving Port Townsend. He had notified Capt. Roberts without delay of the water coming in through the broken deadlight, and had Capt. Roberts been able to get the vessel around to the wind he could have blocked up that deadlight.

Chief Engineer DeLaunay said he had been chief engineer of the steamer since she started running. Was eleven years at sea. On the day of the disaster the engine room deadlight broke in when an hour out from Port Townsend. It was eighteen inches above water on the starboard side. It had been without a clamp and been sprung for some time. In fifteen minutes he notified Capt. Roberts, who sent the mate down to assist him. He first whistled through the speaking tube, but being unable to understand Capt. Roberts' reply he thought the captain had not understood him, and he went to the bridge. He met the mate coming down as he went. He told Capt. Roberts that he must get the steamer around to the wind if he wished to save her. Owing to the condition of the rudder the captain could not get the steamer around. There was by that time considerable water in her. In the meantime he and others had been trying by every possible means to stop the inflow of water. He didn't succeed, and he had all the pumps that worked to the bilge attached. The water rose rapidly. Coal and ashes washed into the bilge and choked the pumps. The water got so high he was unable to get down to clean out the strainers. He cleaned out the mudbox a number of times. He remained in the engine room until driven out, until there was about six feet of water there. The fires went out about 4 o'clock. He tried to get the deck pumps working, but they choked in about half an hour. The boats were launched soon after he was driven out, and he went to the main deck; he saw a boat swamped as he looked through a port. A bucket bridge was formed after the boats were lowered, which worked until the tug Holyoke came.

He had noticed that Capt. Roberts had said in his evidence that he had told the Holyoke to tow the Clallam to a place of safety. Capt. Roberts had sung out, "Tow me to Victoria." Capt. Hall replied, "It will be impossible; I'll tow you to Port Townsend." Capt. Roberts made no reply and the Holyoke started to tow. Witness hadn't the slightest idea in the world that the steamer would reach Port Townsend. She went down four hours after. The Sea Lion came fifteen minutes before the steamer sank. Capt. Roberts told her to go and tell the Holyoke to stop towing. Soon as the tug stopped the steamer went over on her beam, and those on board were washed off. There was no reason why they should not have cut the line themselves then, or at any time after the Holyoke started towing. He was picked up half an hour afterward. He felt satisfied that the water which put out the fires came through the deadlight.

After he had been picked up by the Holyoke Capt. Hall wanted to know why Capt. Roberts had not informed him of the condition of the Clallam. If Capt. Hall had known the condition of the vessel he would have tried to save the lives of those on board.

After telling of the engines and pumps and pipe plan of the Clallam, he told in detail of the bad condition of the rudder. In answer to Juryman Cullin, he said the rudder was not in good order that day, or for many days before. Ever since it was installed it was in bad condition. The rudder stock was a piece of green oak, about 28 feet long and only ten inches in diameter. It ran up through the galley and the heat warped it, causing it to keep slipping. It already had considerable spring. The result of it slipping on the lag screw was that it was split from the saloon deck as far below the main deck as they could see. There were chain and a rope fall rigged as luff tackle for the purpose of assisting the rudder around. When the tiller was put hard over the rudder would only go around a little way. It was so badly split that it looked like a bunch of straw. The old rudder was the same, and he was told that there was another rudder awaiting the steamer at Seattle. He drew an illustration of the manner in which the rudder stock was placed.

He had notified the captain an hour after leaving Port Townsend that the deadlight was broken by whistling, and, getting no response, went to the bridge. The captain evidently understood the message, as he met the first mate coming down, and the mate had been sent down to assist by the captain. He believed the deadlight to be the only place where water came in, although he couldn't be sure for some seams may have opened up.

There was an ordinary bulb valve on the sea injection. There was no automatic arrangement to close this. He did not know if this was contrary to law. He did not think the water came in that way. If it had it would have filled the steamer quicker. If the captain had got the steamer around to the wind it would have got the broken deadlight up out of the water. When the mate came down they got blankets, rags, wooden shores, etc., and stopped it up, but a sea hit it and sent everything adrift. Capt. Roberts came down to the engine room about 2 o'clock. There were three feet of water in the engine room when the captain came down. There was no metal shutter on the deadlight. Capt. Roberts wanted to know if something could not be done to stop the inflow of water, but nothing could be done.

The deadlight had been sprung three months before. He had reported this to Capt. Carter, then in command; to the supervising engineer, to the port engineer and to the boss carpenter. They had promised to have it fixed, but nothing had been done. If it had been fixed this disaster would not have happened. There were no strainers on the end of the bilge pumps. There was a mud box to stop debris from getting into the pumps. The hand pumps were last used on July 3, the first day she started to run. They were clogged below the suction. There was fire drill on three occasions since the boat started running, when one boat was lowered part way.

Capt. Roberts did not seem to have lost his senses, but he was considerably rattled, although witness could not tell much as he did not see him much. He had steam enough to blow a whistle for an hour after the fires were put out, but the blowing of the whistle would have done no good in that gale. Capt. Roberts made no efforts to sound the water in the steamer, as far as he knew. The only distress signal he knew of was a white masthead light.

At 6 o'clock witness had suggested to Capt. Roberts that they get blankets and waste and, after saturating them with oil, set fire to them on the hurri-

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Russia Will Compromise

Czar's Past Due Note Will Accept Main Contentions of the Japanese.

Japan Will Not Have Sufficient Cause Left to Warrant a War.

Principal Element of Danger Now Lies in the Unruly Populace of Korea.

London, Jan. 25.—A despatch to the Reuter's Telegraph Company from St. Petersburg says that while the bourse there has been nervous owing to the uncertainty of the situation, the progress of the negotiations inspire confidence.

The principal danger now according to this despatch is said to be confined to the disorderly elements in Korea. The latest news received here represent a great majority of the Koreans as sympathizing with Russia and hostile to Japan.

Other despatches say that the Japanese are embarking 10,000 laborers at Tien Tsin in order to hasten the completion of the Seoul-Fusan railroad.

Some anxiety has been expressed in St. Petersburg regarding the military movements of China.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 25.—The exchange of communications between the foreign office, the members of the committee of the Far East, Viceroy Alexieff and Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister at Tokio is still going on. There is no official indication of when a conclusion will be reached, but a diplomat who is close to such negotiations, expressed the opinion that the Russian reply will possibly be ready this week.

An authoriative denial is given to the report that Russia ever contemplated requesting the United States to explain the attitude attributed to the United States. The Korean minister has received advices that his government will soon open the port of Wiju on the Yalu river at the request of the United States to the commerce of the world.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—As the German government understands the present situation the feeling is such at Tokio that Japan will declare war unless Russia answers her demands favorably. Russia recognizes this and accordingly intends to accept enough of Japan's points to make the Tokio cabinet feel that a sufficient cause for war no longer exists and while the forthcoming note will not fully satisfy Japan it will prevent the serious possibility of a declaration of war.

Paris, Jan. 25.—The foreign office is unaware that Korea has declared her intention of remaining neutral in case of war between Russia and Japan.

The attitude of Korea in the event of war between Russia and Japan has been the subject of much comment among the diplomats here, as it was believed Korea's giving aid to Japan might constitute the two powers attacking Russia, thus compelling France to support Russia under the terms of the Franco-Russian agreement. One of the ambassadors therefore asked Foreign Minister Delcasse what the result would be if Korea joined Japan, and the minister answered in substance that Korea is not considered to be that kind of a sovereign independent power, whose assistance of Japan against Russia would bring about the contingency contemplated by the Franco-Russian agreement although the answer was confined to Korea, it is understood that China joining Japan would not be regarded as constituting two powers attacking Russia.

Pekin, Jan. 25.—The Chinese authorities have approached the ministers here of several powers with propositions directed towards attempting mediation with Russia and Japan. China is exceedingly anxious that war should be avoided.

Manila, Jan. 25.—The Japanese merchants in this city have received advices from the home government that in case of the outbreak of hostilities they had better transfer their business over to the Americans.

YUKON RAILWAY BEFORE COMMITTEE

Argument in Connection With Crossing at New Westminster Heard at Ottawa.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—In consequence of the defective construction of Ottawa's fat stock show buildings, they caved in today; loss, $6,000. But this will not prevent the coming exhibition in March.

The railway committee of the privy council held its last sitting today to consider the application on behalf of the Vancouver, Westminster & Yukon railway to connect with and cross the tracks of the Canadian Pacific railway in Westminster.

The C. P. R., while not objecting to the crossing and to giving the V. W. & Y. railway the major portion of the water front, oppose the attempt of that company to cut them altogether off from the water front, and have offered to shunt the cars of the V. W. & Y. railway from Lytton Square to all points on their line in New Westminster. This the V. W. & Y. railway, however, refused, they desiring to obtain all the water front. The V. W. & Y. railway is being built in the interests of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, and it is felt here that while there was no desire to prevent the V. W. & Y. Railway Company from having an entrance, it would not be fair to take all the water front from the C. P. R., seeing they had expressed their willingness to shunt for the other company.

Many legal questions were argued, and the point was raised by Mr. McGivern, on behalf of the V. W. & Y. Railway Company, that this was really an appeal to the committee from a decision of the minister of railways, which is contrary to the provisions of the Railway Act. This was a new point for the committee, and they took it into their consideration. Likely the whole subject will have to be commenced de novo before the new railway commission.

Writs for the St. James' division of Montreal and St. Hyacinthe were issued today. As in other constituencies the nominations take place on February 9th and polling a week later. The only writ now to be issued is that for Hochelaga.

The government this week will make a shuffle in the work of the departments. The administration of canals, St. Lawrence ship channel between Montreal and Quebec, and the shipyard at Sorel, all are to be transferred to the marine department.

VOTING TODAY.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Voting in North Oxford provincial bye-election takes place tomorrow. Both sides are running the campaign vigorously.

C. P. R. TRAFFIC.

Montreal, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The C. P. R. traffic receipts for the week ending January 21st, were $625,000; same week last year, $666,000.

DESPONDENT'S SUICIDE.

Watertown, N. Y., Jan. 25.—Alvin Gardner, aged 55, committed suicide today by shooting himself in the head. Despondency owing to ill-health was the cause.

WINNIPEG'S POPULATION.

Winnipeg, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The city directory for 1904, issued by Henderson & Co. tonight, estimates Winnipeg's population at 77,304, an increase of 13,744 for the year.

TRADE WITH CANADA.

London, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The agent-general of New Brunswick is sailing on the 30th inst. for Jamaica to stimulate trade with Canada.

The Duke of Devonshire, Lord Rosebery, Lord Tweedmouth and Mr. Herbert Gladstone will attend a political dinner given by Lord Wimborne on February 8th.

Ernest Cashel Is Again Jailed

Escaped Murderer Caught in Hiding Near Calgary By Mounted Police.

Brother Gets One Year For Aiding Escape—Hanging Next Week.

Calgary, N. W. T., Jan. 25.—John Cashel was this morning sentenced to one year in Regina jail by Chief Justice Sifton for assisting Ernest Cashel to escape from prison. When sentence was passed he bowed and sat down.

Ernest Cashel is reprieved till Tuesday, February 2nd, by Chief Justice Sifton.

John Brown has been arrested for assisting Cashel when at large. A warrant also has been issued for Brown's companion on the same charge.

Ernest Cashel, the condemned murderer, who made such a daring escape from the police barracks guardroom here, was captured yesterday about six miles northeast of Calgary. He is now in the guardroom and will be hanged on Tuesday. Cashel gave the police a chase of 45 days, and during that time has not been more than six miles away from the city at any one time. During a portion of the time he was in the city.

The police learned of his supposed whereabouts two weeks ago, and have been quietly keeping watch, until yesterday, when his capture was effected without great trouble. Cashel was game to the last and did not give up without a struggle.

Constable Biggs found his man crouched in one corner of the cellar of Pittman's house. He held a light to the corner, whereupon Cashel fired a revolver, the bullet grazing the constable's head. Another shot also failed, and Biggs retired from the cellar as he was unarmed. Procuring a revolver, Biggs returned to the cellar, but was met on the dark stairs by Cashel, and further shots were exchanged, only one taking effect, as it lodged in Cashel's heel. The murderer returned to the cellar corner and the police retired outside, when it was decided to burn the building. Cashel called out he would kill himself and merely wanted to leave a letter for his mother. He fired several shots, but the police would stand no bluffing and warned him to come out of the building.

Cashel finally emerged with his hands in the air and was soon placed under arrest, and is now lodged in his old cell at the police barracks. He said he had complete knowledge of everything that was happening and did not want to leave the country until his brother was released.

MORE TROUBLE IN THE PHILIPPINES

One Lieutenant Killed and Two Wounded in Treacherous Attack By Moros.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The killing of Lieutenant Flake by Moros is explained by the following cablegram received at the United States war department from General Ware, dated Manila, January 25th: "Referring to the telegram from this office of the 23rd inst., the affair was incident to the maintenance of order. the Moros were given one month to bring in the man who fired into Lieutenant-Colonel Marion P. Maus and party in December. They failed to do so. Major Robert L. Bullard, civil governor, Lake district, Lake Minandano, reported that with his command and while parleying on the land side of the town, the Moros on the lake side treacherously opened fire on a portion of his command, killing Second Lieutenant C. W. Flake, wounding Second Lieutenant W. E. Roberts and Private Foy. Cottas was then taken. No further casualties. Five lantakas, five rifles and a quantity of Moro arms and ammunition were captured. Twenty Moros were killed."

FOR SIR RICHARD'S SEAT.

Ingersoll, Ont., Jan. 25.—The Liberals of South Oxford today chose M. S. Schell as candidate for the House of Commons in succession to Sir Richard Cartwright.

BEATING THE CLERGY.

Montreal Newspaper Changes Its Name Often and Church Condemns It.

Montreal, Jan. 25.—Last September Archbishop Bruchesi placed Les'bats, a Sunday newspaper published in the French language, under the ban of his displeasure, forbidding the faithful to read it. The paper promptly changed its name to Le Combat, continuing its attacks upon the clergy. Today a pastoral letter was read in the Roman Catholic churches placing the ban upon Le Combat. The paper had evidently learned that this was to be done, for this morning's issue announces that it is the last of Le Combat, but L'Action will appear next Sunday and that the present directors of Le Combat will not be connected with it.

Yet Another Saw Mill

Michigan Capitalist Will Erect Large Establishment to Cut For Export.

Has Large Acreage of Choicest Timber and Is Looking For More.

Two Vancouver Business Men Get Into Trouble Over a Recent Failure.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Jan. 25.—J. G. Hutchinson and George Howell, two prominent citizens, were in the city jail from Saturday night to Monday morning. They appeared for trial this morning on a charge of conspiracy to defraud their creditors. Howell & Hutchinson are brothers-in-law. Howell, ostensibly, at least, bought Hutchinson out just before the Christmas trade began. Joseph Martin for the prosecution (fifty-nine creditors, who have put up bonds to push the case against the prisoners) explained, in asking that the bail be heavy, that it was a most serious case; that Howell had only got $500 in the business two months before and the liabilities were $9,000 and the assets practically nil; that Hutchinson went around telling people that Howell had paid him every cent in purchasing the business and to give him all the credit he wanted.

They got $800 worth of cigars from one firm; they got $900 worth of chickens from another firm, and they got $3,000 worth of meat from three other firms. Mr. Martin said as the penalty was seven years for such an offence he thought the bail should be substantial. Magistrate Williams said the charge was very serious, and no doubt those who brought it into court had good grounds for doing so. He understood the creditors were prosecuting and only after mature consideration. He would fix Hutchinson's bail at $5,000, himself and two other sureties, and Howell's bail at $1,000 for himself and $1,000 from another surety, and would fix the trials for Friday. The case has caused great interest in the business world here. Wholesale houses say that owing to frauds of a similar nature occurring so often in Vancouver, they are determined to push the present case to the limit as an example to intending evil doers.

A petition is being circulated among business men praying the government to appoint Joseph Martin, Crown prosecutor in the Hutchinson-Howell conspiracy case.

Merrill, the Michigan timber man, has informed his agent here that he will erect a big mill in British Columbia, shipping the manufactured lumber to the United States. He states that he can pay the duty and make money. As Merrill owns 40,000 acres of the choicest timber limits in British Columbia which he bought at $1 an acre in 1881, there is no doubt that he is quite correct about being able to pay duty on lumber and make money. The timber purchased was so carefully chosen for Merrill by Mike King and Mose Ireland in the eighties, that within two months Merrill has refused for one bunch of very choice thick timber $50 an acre. Not satisfied with his big holdings the Michigan lumberman is negotiating for the purchase of more Crown granted timber from a well-known Victoria firm. Mr. Merrill states that he is willing to buy at a fair price all the Crown granted timber in the market which is worth buying, for another big Michigan firm is to build in British Columbia and he can easily unload if he desires. The reason Mr. Merrill gives for coming to British Columbia to manufacture lumber is not that the Victoria Legislature has taxed his timber acquired from 1881 to 1885, but that he can saw it so much cheaper here than in Seattle, without regard to export duty on logs that he will commence sawing as soon as possible on Vancouver island or on the mainland. Mr. Merrill says that he does not think for a moment the export law will hold, that he has consulted E. P. Davis, of Vancouver, and also a leading Ottawa lawyer and both authorities state that the British Columbia law requiring Crown granted timber lands to pay royalties and on the logs cut therefrom to pay an export duty, is unconstitutional, and an appeal will be thrown out by the federal government.

Desire Brothier, the French procurer, with $40,000 in the bank, was sentenced to six months for vagrancy today. Magistrate Alexander in sentencing him said: "You are so low nothing I can say would hurt your feelings. The limit of this charge is six months; I wish I could send you to the penitentiary for life." Joseph Martin made a strong plea for the prisoner, to the effect that the prisoner had $40,000 and was living on the interest. Brothier was committed for trial on seven other counts.

SCOTCH GATHERING AT GRAND FORKS

Burn's Anniversary Auspiciously Marked--Proposed Extension of Granby Plant.

Grand Forks, Jan. 25.—It is understood that the Granby Smelter Company has arranged to treat the entire output of the Oro Denoro mine for the next two years.

The inaugural banquet of St. Andrew's Society at the Yale hotel tonight on the occasion of Burns' anniversary was a very enjoyable affair. D. Whiteside presided with over sixty guests in attendance, a feature of the event was the presence of a piper in Highland costume. The speakers included Mayor Hammar, Duncan Ross and Martin Burrell, the two last mentioned being the rival candidates for political honors in the Yale-Cariboo riding.

Mr. A. B. W. Hodges, superintendent of the Granby smelter, has been summoned to Montreal by the president of the Granby Company, S. H. C. Miner, on business connected with the proposed enlargement of the smelter plant. It has practically been decided to erect an additional smelter plant of six furnaces next summer. It will give the Granby Company a treatment capacity of 4,200 tons of ore daily.

KILLED ON CROSSING.

Middleton, N. Y., Jan. 25.—Jesse Yourk and Andrew Wilson, of Centerville, were struck by an Ontario & Western train at a grade crossing. Yourk was killed and Wilson seriously injured.

Terrific Burst Of Deadly Gas

Explosion in Mine Hurls Mule, Cage and Men Through Shaft High in Air.

Nearly Two Hundred Miners Entombed in Workings Near Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Jan. 25.—An explosion in the Harwick mine of the Allegheny Coal Company at Cheswick, six miles from Pittsburg, promises to be one of the greatest tragedies of years to the list of mine fatalities. Even the officials of the Allegheny Coal Company, the owners of the mine, did not know this evening the number of men still entombed in the chambers of the mine, 220 feet below the surface, but a conservative estimate places the number at 184.

The first ray of hope that any of the men escaped the tremendous concussion of the explosion, came at 6 o'clock tonight, when Adolph Georgie was brought to the surface still alive.

The explosion occurred about 8 a.m. at the bottom of one of the shafts, and was probably caused by fire damp. It was 4 o'clock before it was possible to make the first attempt at rescue.

Robert North and Jack McCann, one of the engineers employed by the Allegheny Coal Company, had previously tried to get into the mine through the air shaft. They managed to grope their way some distance, but were finally driven back by the foul air.

Shortly after 5 o'clock Selwyn Taylor, a mine expert, and one of his assistants signalled for the engineer to lower them into the shaft. Taylor is still down there. Three times efforts have been made to rescue him, but so far without avail.

A crowd of anxious men and women gathered at the pit mouth as the two men were lowered into the black shaft. The only sound from the depth was an occasional shouting of the men in the bucket to stop while they tested the air. Then there was silence for fully forty minutes, and then came the summons to haul up slowly. When the cage reached the top Rayburn was there and with him was Adolph Georgie, gasping for breath and evidently seriously injured. Again the cage went down into the darkness, and this time it carried with it E. Taylor, an assistant to Selwyn Taylor, and also Robert North and J. McCann, who had made the first attempt. There was a call for volunteers to aid in the work of rescue, and a call for hammers, nails and brattice cloths to enable the rescuers to brace up the workings so that the rescuers could reach the inner workings.

One of the rescue party who have come out of the 220-foot vertical shaft for a warming and breathing spell, says that Selwyn Taylor, the Pittsburg mining engineer, who plotted the mine, and who was the first to reach the bottom after the explosion happened, is also now among the list of dead.

Thos. Woods, one of the first rescue party hauled to the surface, told this story of his trip through the mine:

"I was with Taylor, and we clambered over three or four falls. Taylor laid out the mine and seemed to know the way. There was one man alive at the foot of the shaft. He was sent up, and then we took the mule path to the south level. We saw two men who were alive and notified those who were back of us and went on. We passed the third, fourth and fifth heading, and then through an overdrift into the air shaft. I began to feel dizzy and sick, and then I saw Taylor stagger and fall. His lantern fell. We tried to lift him up, but could not carry him, and I made my own way to safety."

F. W. Cunningham, the mine inspector of the 14th district, reached the mine tonight. He said: "The mine where the explosion took place was inspected, I think, about the 1st of December. There was some gas in there, but I considered the mine dangerous."

The last inspection blank hanging on the nail in the mine company's office is dated July 17, 1903, but it is evident that a later report has been torn off.

Among the rescue party in the mine at a late hour, in addition to Inspector Cunningham, were: Jack McCann, Robert Carney, Henry Becker, Robert Gibson and Wm. Walkenhurst.

An additional party of twenty went down shortly after midnight. Three of the rescuers, Becker, Smith and Walkenhurst, when they returned to the surface declared that, in their opinion, all in the mine outside of the rescue party, are dead, including Taylor, the engineer.

H. Catchinson, who gave the lamps to the miners before they went to work in the pit this morning, said: "At 7.15 I had given out between 150 and 190 lamps."

The explosion occurred about 8 a. m. The first warning was the sudden rumble. A sheet of flame rose from the top of the shaft. Both mine cages were hurled through the tipple twenty feet above the landing stage and the three men in the tipple were hurled to the ground. A mule was thrown high above the shaft and fell dead on the ground.

The injured in the tipple were brought at once to the city where Henry Mayhew, a checkweighman, and George Wiltman, a tippleman died. The rumble of the explosion and the crash of the pitmouth startled the little village and the wives and children of the men below rushed to the scene of the disaster, but found little encouragement. There was no way to get into the deep workings.

The cages that let the men into the mines and brought them out again when their day's work was done were demolished. All day there was a jamb of waiting women and children about the mouth of the pit. There were calls for assistance and for surgical aid from the men in charge of the mine, but it was until four o'clock this afternoon that the first attempt at rescue was made. This was a failure as the two men who volunteered were driven back by the foul air.

MANY YET ALIVE.

Pittsburg, Jan. 26.—At 12:30 a. m. Robert North and Michael McCann of the rescue party, came to the surface and reported that Selwyn Taylor had been found alive, and that seventy-five miners had been located, the majority of whom, it is believed, are alive.

"Thought I'd drop in and give ye a bit o' news," said the visitor, "about one of your subscribers."

"Yes?" queried the country editor.

"Yes. My old Uncle Henry Todd passed in his checks today."

"Indeed? If he passed any in this direction it hasn't reached us yet, although it was due years ago."—Philadelphia Press.

For Seattle — The Canadian Pacific steamship "Princess Beatrice" sails daily, except Saturday, 11 p. m. Office: 86 Government St.

RUSSIAN IRREGULAR TROOPS.

COSSACKS.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN CARLETON PLACE

Three Blocks Fall Prey to Devouring Element and Loss is $60,000.

Carleton Place, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The worst fire here since the big lumber fire of about twenty-five years ago, took place this afternoon. It originated in the MacGuire block about 3 o'clock in the Foresters' hall, on the third floor. Three blocks were destroyed, causing a loss of at least $60,000.

ANOTHER TRAIN WRECK.

St. Louis, Jan. 25.—A collision between passenger trains on the Burlington road north of St. Charles, Mo., is reported. Several are reported dead and many injured.

EMBEZZLER WILL DISGORGE.

Cleveland Cashier Will Probably Make Full Restitution.

Cleveland, Jan. 25.—Cashier George A. Rose of the Produce Exchange Bank, arrested Saturday charged with embezzling $187,000 of the bank's funds, has agreed to make a full confession. It is stated that the officials of the bank have discovered that Rose has several thousand dollars to his credit in one Chicago brokerage house and the indications are that much more of the stolen money will shortly be unearthed and possibly returned to the bank.

MUCH-SUED MAN.

Two Former Suits and Now Answers $100,000 Charge by Injured Husband.

New York, Jan. 25.—E. Holloway Coe, of 668 Fifth avenue, was arrested today in action brought by Chas. W. Bailey, vice-president of Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company, jewelers of Philadelphia, to recover $100,000 damages for the alienation of Mrs. Bailey's affections. The suit in which Coe was arrested is the third instituted by Mr. Bailey. An action for slander and another suit for alienation of affections have been discontinued.

THE IROQUOIS FIRE.

Mayor Harrison and Others Held to Answer Action by Grand Jury.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—The coroner's jury, which sat for three weeks to hear evidence relative to the fire in the Iroquois theatre, tonight rendered a verdict, by which the following persons were held to await the action of the grand jury: Carter H. Harrison, mayor of Chicago; Will J. Davis, proprietor, in part, and manager of the theatre; Geo. Williams, building commissioner of Chicago; Edward Laughlin, building inspector under Williams; Wm. Salters, fireman of the theatre; J. E. Cummings, stage carpenter; Wm. Mullen, who had charge of the light that caused the fire.

"ARE YOU A MASON?"

A Farce Where Complications are Many and Laughs as Numerous.

"Are You a Mason?" a farce adapted from the German of "Laufs and Kratz," was presented at the Victoria theatre last night, and it amused the fair-sized audience. Although it was amusing, though it must have inspired terror to those who had thoughts of committing matrimony at any time, for the mother-in-law, as seen in "Are You a Mason?" was terrifying. The play was well presented and its Ananias plot was comical in the extreme. That the audience seemed well pleased was evident from the continued laughter.

Some improvements have been made at the Victoria theatre which have added much to its attractiveness. The walls of the lower part have been well tinted in a rich, dark magenta tint, new upholstering and additional seating accommodation have been put in, and the two outer boxes on the ground floor have been removed, which gives the holders of the side seats a fuller view of the stage than they had before.

NOT AFRAID TO ENDORSE IT.

People have learned to have such confidence in Dr. Chase's Ointment as a cure for every form of piles that they do not hesitate to endorse it at every opportunity. As a result Dr. Chase's Ointment is probably recommended by more persons than any preparation on the market today. There is no guesswork about its effect—relief is prompt and cure certain.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than other soap powders, as it also acts as a disinfectant.

Maccabees Meeting.—No. 1 Hive, Ladies of the Maccabees will hold their regular meeting tonight at the A. O. U. W. hall.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each package.

Japan Would Try Conclusions

Peace Now would Mean Crushing Burden to Provide Future Armaments.

Orders Reported Given to Russian Reservists to Join the Colors.

London, Jan. 26.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail reports that first reserves resident there have been warned to hold themselves in readiness for active service. This is possibly a step taken with the object of preparing the public for eventualities, the correspondent says, and for obtaining the support of public opinion which the war party hitherto lacked. Nothing approaching a war fever, however, is yet discernible. The Chefoo correspondent of the Daily Mail cables that Viceroy Alexieff's illness is graver than had been supposed. Military preparations, the correspondent adds are only half completed.

The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard says that 2,000 Chinese who had been enlisted by the Russians deserted on being ordered to Port Arthur.

The Tokio correspondent of the Times says the leading Japanese journals continue to be sceptical of Russia's pacific intentions and argue that the patching of a hollow peace would not preclude the future rivalry in armaments which would cause a greater strain than a war, whereas a fight today would be a preface to many years of peace.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Warsaw says arrangements have been made to call out 86,000 reserves in the Kyarkoff and Odessa districts should it become necessary to do so.

The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph has sent the following cable gram: "The official Gazette publishes an imperial ordinance empowering the government to assume control of all private railways, etc., for military purposes. The situation is very grave and developments are hourly expected."

Washington, Jan. 26.—Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador to the United States, had a long talk with Mr. Loomis, acting United States secretary of state today on the Far Eastern situation. The ambassador's advices gave some hope of peace though the phase of the question which received most attention was the uncontradicted statements which had appeared in certain newspapers regarding the attitude of the United States government. The Russian government could not question previous assurances of neutrality from the United States, but recurrence of these statements has proven annoying. There is no anticipation on the part of the American government of any hitch in the reception of the United States consuls in Manchuria.

CABINET DISINTEGRATING

Bulletin.—London, Jan. 26.—The Daily News this morning publishes a rumor that further cabinet resignations are imminent, saying the officers to resign probably are Lord Lansdowne, secretary of state for foreign affairs; Lord Londonderry, president of the Board of Education, and Gerald Balfour, president of the Board of Trade.

COLD SNAP CONTINUES.

Many Eastern Cities Still Enjoying Arctic Weather.

St. Paul, Jan. 25.—Thirty degrees below zero was the official record today, although thermometers in various parts of the city registered from two to three degrees lower.

Duluth, Jan. 25.—The thermometer here this morning registered 32 below.

GLASS MANUFACTURERS FAIL

Pittsburg, Jan. 25.—S. McKee & Co., the oldest glass manufacturers in Pittsburg, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court this afternoon. The schedule of intedbtedness of the firm shows liabilities of $274,000 and assets of $216,000. Daniel McKee, the surviving member, places his individual liabilities at $233,700, the indebtedness is mostly for money borrowed.

COW OPENS SWITCH.

Fast Train Strikes Bovine and Throws it Against Lever.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 25.—The Illinois Central fast mail train from New Orleans to Chicago was wrecked at Gates, Tenn., sixty miles north of Memphis, today. One person was killed and two slightly injured. The wreck was caused by the pilot striking a cow, which was thrown against a switch and in some manner opened it, derailing the train and overturning it.

The Amateur Actors.—The Victoria West amateurs are again in harness, and, after a brief spell of rest, are buckling down to the arduous task of mastering John A. Fraser's great play, "Because I Love You," holding their first rehearsal tonight at Semple's hall. This presentation promises to eclipse all other efforts of the company on account of its sterling dramatic interest and because of the histrionic capabilities of the strong company of well-tried amateurs to whom the parts are entrusted.

"TWA 'OORS O' SCOTTISH SONG"

The Sixteenth Annual Burn's Concert Was a Pronounced Success.

The sixteenth annual Burns concert, under the auspices of the First Presbyterian church choir and under the direction of Mr. J. G. Brown, who has conducted these Burns concerts since their inauguration was given in the schoolroom of the church last night. Long before eight o'clock the building was packed and by the time the concert began there was not an inch of standing room available, showing the tremendous popularity of the Bruns concerts. At five minutes past eight the choir appeared and rendered the "Rising of the Clans," a short cantata by Rossini, in a spirited and musicianly manner, every motion and sign of the conductor being responded to with alacrity. The voices were under good control and despite the heat of the hold no flattening of the tone took place. This was the case with all the part songs by the choir, especially so in "Waes Me for Prince Charlie," the beautiful crescendos and dimuendos being much admired. In both his violin solos, Mr. Longfield was at his best. Mr. Kinnard received a very warm welcome and sung in a sympathetic manner "The Wee Cot in the Dell." Mr. Houston recited "Charles Edward at Versailles," and his fine modulated voice was heard to great advantage. Mrs. Green's rendering of "Doon the Burn" was vociferously encored. "The Crooket Bawbee," by Miss McCoy and J. G. Brown, was another encore scorer. Mrs. D. E. Campbell made her first appearance at the Burns concerts and her debut before a Victoria audience and at once enthroned herself as a favorite by her magnificent singing of "Angus Macdonald," receiving an ovation and responding with the "Hundred Pipers." Herbert Taylor also made his debut before a Burns concert audience and won further laurels in his singing of "The Battle of Stirling Bridge," responding to the encore. Willie Allan gave one of his inimitable recitations from Jeems Kaye, "the Volunteer Review," and was forced to respond to an encore. Mrs. G. J. Burnett ever a favorite, scored another success in "Within a Mile o' Edinboro' Toon," giving as an encore "Rothesay Bay," which was even better than the first. The duet, "Huntingtower," though old, was delightfully rendered by Mrs. Green and Mr. J. G. Brown. Miss McCoy's spirited singing of "Cam Ye by Athol" secured her an encore and she sang "Annie Laurie." Mr. J. G. Brown fairly took the house by storm with his inimitable readering of Killiecrankie, dressed in character and suiting the action to the word. His audience was in roars of laughter from start to finish. He responded to an enthusiastic encore by singing in equally good style "Sandy Grant." Mr. Goward, whose name appeared on the programme, was unable to be present on account of throat trouble. On all sides it was claimed that this sixteenth concert is the best yet given; under any circumstances it would be hard to beat. Mrs. Lewis Hall, who was the accompanist for the choir and many of the soloists had an arduous night's work to perform, but performed such spendidly, and deserves great credit for her work. Mr. Brown, on whom the bulk of the work fell, is a veteran at getting up entertainments and especially Scotch ones, and to whom great praise is due for giving such splendid musical affairs to the public.

Willie—Pa, what does r-e-c-h-e-r-c-h-e mean?

Pa—What did you call it?

Willie—Looks like "r-e-church."

Pa—Oh! "R. E. Church" — Reformed Episcopal.—Philadelphia Press.

MR. S. B. GUILD

Whole System Rundown and Shattered. Doctors Did Not Understand the Case.

Mr. S. B. Guild, Ellershouse, N. S., writes as follows: "I wish to express my gratitude for the great good accomplished in my case by your Paine's Celery Compound. My whole system was run down and shattered. I was under the care of several doctors, but they did not seem to understand my case, and could do nothing for me. I commenced using your Paine's Celery Compound, and it soon made me a new man. My nervous system is completely built up, my appetite is heathly, and I feel better and stronger than ever before. Paine's Celery Compound has done these wonders for me, and I cannot thank you sufficiently."

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Farmer And Son Killed By Laborer

Quarrel Over Feeding Horses and Hired Man Attacks With an Axe.

Wife Barely Escapes Infuriated Demon Who is Finally Captured.

Alfred, Ont., Jan. 25.—A cold-blooded murder was committed Sunday evening on the farm of Samuel Colligan, about a mile from this place. The victims were Colligan and his fourteen-year-old son, and the murderer is Clement Goyette, employed by Colligan. Goyette also made a savage attack on Mrs. Colligan, who had a narrow escape from the tragic end of her husband and son.

Goyette was captured by neighbors who had been summoned while he was attempting to kill Mrs. Colligan. Had not help arrived when it did there is little doubt but that he would have murdered the entire family.

Goyette has made a full confession of his crime. He says that on Saturday Colligan had trouble with his wife, and that this displeased him. On Sunday they played cards until chore time, when he went to the barn to feed the cattle. The boy accompanied him, and while they were doing the work the boy said that his father thought Goyette fed the horses too well. Shortly afterwards Colligan entered the barn and also complained that Goyette fed the horses too much. Goyette denied that he did, and Colligan reported: "Well, I am boss, and you will have to do what I say."

Goyette says that he answered: "We will see who is boss," and sprang upon Colligan. They rolled around on the floor, and the boy got a stick and proceeded to hit Goyette over the head. Then Goyette jumped up, and grabbing an axe that lay near by, hit Colligan over the head with it several times. Then he turned upon the boy, who had started to run from the stable, and felled him with one blow. He returned to Colligan's body and took all the money there was in the pockets, after which he went to the house and demanded that Mrs. Colligan give him all the money she had. The woman said she did not have any, whereupon he tried to kill her. In the meantime one of the younger children had rushed from the house to summon neighbors. Goyette seized a hatchet that was lying near the stove and started at Mrs. Colligan. She warded off the blows as well as she could, and owes her life to the fact that the handle of the hatchet came off and rendered it useless as a weapon.

Before he could secure another weapon neighbors arrived and captured Goyette after a hard struggle, in which he fought with all the ferocity of a wild man. In the barn the neighbors found the bodies of Colligan and his son. Colligan's head had almost been severed from the body. The head of the boy was split almost in two from the back. Deceased leaves a family of eight children.

ROUGH ON WHISKY

She Borrowed the Money to Buy Samaria.

St. Henri., Dec. 17, 1902.

Gentlemen—I write you these few words to let you know that I have been very well satisfied with the Samaria Prescription. Although I am very poor, I bought one bottle at three dollars. I had to borrow the money, so that he would not know it. I am glad to say that he stopped drinking at once. A thousand thanks. Mrs. Camille Labelle.

Enclose stamp for free sample and pamphlet to Samaria Remedy Co., 25 Jordan street, Toronto.

MARRIED.

WALKEM—LANGLEY—On the 23rd inst., at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B. C., by the Rev. H. G. Fiennes-Clinton, assisted by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Columbia, Albert Godwin Langley, to Mabel Sophie, daughter of the Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, of Maplehurst, Victoria, B. C.

McDONALD—BLANCHARD — At Nelson, on Jan. 20th, by Rev. Father Althoff, J. McDonald and Miss Rosalind Blanchard.

McCOMBIE—WHITE—At Vancouver, on Jan. 20th, by Rev. H. G. F. Clinton, W. J. K. McCombie and Miss Elizabeth Alma White.

TAYLOR—MORTON—At Vancouver, on Jan. 20th, by Rev. A. E. Hetherington, Ansel Taylor and Miss Margaret Morton.

DIXON—SHARPE—At Pitt Meadows, on Jan. 20th, by Rev. A. Dunn, Joseph Dixon and Miss Rhoda A. H. Sharpe.

SMITH—LIVINGSTONE—At Lulu Island, on Jan. 20th, by Rev. J. S. Henderson, James Smith and Miss E. Livingstone.

CARTER—HORTH—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Thorne, Innisfail, Alberta, on Thursday, 7th January, 1904, by the Rev. Jerald Card, B. A., Miss Annie Maria Horth, of Victoria, B. C., to Dr. Charles Douglas Carter, of Innisfail.

DIED.

LAMB—On the 25th instant, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Lamb, of Pemberton road.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. B. M. Lehmann wishes to tender her sincerest thanks to the officers and men of H. M. S. Grafton, for the recovery of the body of her husband, the late B. M. Lehman, of Tacoma, Wash.

Liberal-Conservatives

A meeting of the Liberal-Conservatives will be held at the A. O. U. W. hall, on Tuesday, 26th instant, at 8 p. m., for purpose of selecting delegates to convention to be held here on 1st February, 1904.

All Liberal-Conservatives are requested to attend.

WM. C. MORESBY, Secretary.

Sale of Men's Trousers

All our Men's Odd Trousers must go This is clearing up time to reduce stock before spring goods arrive. Remember these are not trashy, undesirable Trousers, but good quality goods, good patterns and made up in the very best style. Your choice of a big lot of $4.00, $3.50 and $3.00 Trousers for $2.50.

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Tenders his thanks to the public for their patronage at his late Auction Sale, and further wishes to mention that bargains at Auction Prices will continue to the end of the month.

2 Show Cases to be Sold at Half Price

Organ Recital

A recital will be given by Mr. Frank T. Watkis, in St. John's Church, on Wednesday evening next, the 27th inst., at 8:30 o'clock, assisted by the following well-known Artists: Mrs. W. E. Green (Soprano), Mrs. D. E. Campbell (Contralto) and Mr. Herbert Taylor (Baritone.)

Tickets 25 cents each, may be obtained at Messrs. Hibben's & Co., or of any of the church committee.

Tickets at all music stores.

TO CONTRACTORS.

Tenders for rebuilding Victoria Creamery will be received up to 10 a. m. on Friday, 29th instant. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the undersigned, Room No. 5, Five Sisters' Block.

J. C. M. KEITH, Architect.

Victoria, B. C, 25th Jan., 1904.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Dairymens' and Live Stock Association will be held in the Department of Agriculture, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, on Wednesday, February 3rd, at 2 p. m.

For the election of officers and general business.

L. W. PAISLEY, Secretary.

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Move To Probe Reserve Question

Ald. Fell Desirous of Having City Run Streets on the Indian Reservation.

Council Decides to Make a Bid For Dominion Exhibition Next Year.

Last evening's meeting of the city council, though a somewhat protracted one, did not result in the transaction of much important business. Quite a number of the retail grocers of the city were present, in anticipation of something being said of the agitation which is being fostered in certain quarters for an alteration in the system permitting retail grocers to sell liquors as a branch of their business, but the subject was not alluded to. The Indian reserve question was opened up somewhat, a motion by Ald. Fell to proceed with the extension of several streets carrying unanimously. A motion was passed urging the local representatives in the Commons to apply for the bonus for Victoria to the Dominion exhibition of 1905.

The secretary of the Board of Trade forwarded a request of Hon. J. S. Helmcken to extend certain lots into the harbor. No objection was raised by the minister of marine and fisheries, but the council of the board did not want the matter to involve any responsibility in connection with the possibility of the compulsory removal of the chemical works. Laid on the table.

Archbishop Orth drew attention to drainage facilities on the corner of Vancouver and Mason streets. Referred to sanitary inspector with power to act.

A. T. Goward, for the B. C. Electric Railway Company, re bridges, asked again for information as to the suitability for traffic of the three city bridges, Rock Bay, James' Bay and Point Ellice. Referred to the city engineer.

Hon. Robt. Beaven reported the appointment of Albert F. Griffith as the third arbitrator in the matter of adjusting claims arising out of the extension of Douglas street.

Ald. Fell wanted to know if the city's interests were safeguarded, whether any decision was reached or not.

His worship assured him this would be done.

Messrs. Crease & Crease, for John Donaldson, 145 Superior street, asked for damages for loss of a cow due, it is alleged, to the poundkeeper's ill-treatment of same. The sum of $75 would be accepted in settlement. Referred to the city solicitor for report.

Sidney A. Roberts urged the inspection of public buildings, for the purpose of safeguarding patrons of places of amusement from danger of outbreaks of fire. He presented a series of suggestions for the better protection of the public. Referred to the fire wardens and building inspector.

The Provincial Licensed Vintners' Association wrote calling attention to the illicit sale of liquor by Chinese, the latter importing a vast quantity of Chinese wine each year. Referred to the board of licensing commissioners and chief of police for report. Ald. Grahame pointed out that the matter was most important, as considerable quantities were being imported.

H. Mortimer Lamb, editor of the British Columbia Mining Record, asked for a renewal of the city advertising contract. Referred to finance committee for report.

City Clerk Dowler reported the receipt of letters from A. Brakes, Jas. Muirhead, Geo. Glover, Morris Guttmann, Jos. Donaldson and others.

Ald. Fell asked for information as to how to proceed to do away with dilapidated buildings and rubbish.

He was informed that a mere instruction to an officer would be sufficient, and then moved that the following lots be cleared of rickety buildings and rubbish:

The building inspector was requested to report on the following dilapidated buildings and premises:

1. North side of Fort street, second lot above Quadra street.

1. Buildings and stables on lot on Fort street just above the Philharmonic hall.

3. The wrecked building on Yates street where the explosion took place (Allison's).

4. Lot corner of Fort and Cook streets, southwest corner, clear from rubbish.

5. Lot on Douglas street, in rear of building occupied by Messrs. Terry & Marett, clear from rubbish.

6. Northeast corner Fort and Blanchard street, second building from the corner.

Ald. Kinsman favored granting the request of Hon. J. S. Helmcken for extension of foreshore lots.

Ald. Vincent pointed out there was no objection to such an undertaking.

On motion it was decided to notify the doctor that the council had no objection in the matter.

The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to $12,188.88. Adopted.

A lengthy report was read from the legislative committee handed over from the last council.

Regarding the clause re wholesale liquor license, Ald. Beckwith thought the fee, $75 for every six months, was too low. He favored increasing the fee to $150.

Ald. Stewart contended the wholesale merchants who had to compete for outside business should be taxed as lightly as possible. The wholesale merchants should be encouraged in every possible way.

There being no seconder to his motion, Ald. Beckwith withdrew it.

The streets committee reported as follows:

Gentlemen,—Your streets, bridges and sewers committee having considered the undermentioned subjects referred to hereunder, beg to recommend the following resolutions for the adoption by the Council, viz:

1. Resolved, that tenders be called for supplying two new street sprinklers to the corporation.

2. Resolved that a drain be constructed on Denman street from Clarke street to Fernwood road. Estimated cost $474.

3. Resolved that the offer of the Victoria Machinery Depot Co., Ltd., in respect of the flooring of Point Ellice bridge, as contained in their letter of the 11th inst., to the city engineer, be not accepted.

4. Resolved that the city engineer be authorized to proceed to complete the steps and buttresses of the James Bay embankment wall, in accordance with plan produced and signed by His Worship the Mayor, numbered 1610.

The report was adopted.

Ald. Beckwith, seconded by Ald. Fell, moved as follows:

That the Dominion government be approached with the view of securing the holding of the Dominion Exhibition for 1905 in Victoria, and that the Board of Trade and the Tourist Association be requested to co-operate with the City Council to this end, and further, that Mr. George Riley, M. P., and the Hon. Mr. Templeman, be asked to present the joint wishes of these bodies, in this behalf, to the government, and use their best endeavors with them to effect this object.

Ald. Beckwith pointed out the advantages which would accrue to Victoria from the securing of the exhibition.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Fell, seconded by Ald. Beckwith, moved the following resolution:

That the city surveyor be instructed to examine the ground at Victoria West, situate between Point Ellice bridge and Russell street, and report as to the feasibility and cost of grading and extending Russell street from Craigflower road to Edward or Esquimalt streets, and grading and extending Edward or Esquimalt streets to Point Ellice bridge or near thereto.

Ald. Fell pointed out in a brief speech the advantages to the people of Victoria West which would result from the proposed alterations, and how it would open up the question of the title of the Indian reserve. He recalled that a few years ago the Dominion government had been prevented from building a hospital on the reserve by the Indians.

Ald. Beckwith hardly thought it wise to reopen again the Craigflower road controversy.

Ald. Goodacre proposed, as an amendment, seconded by Ald. Grahame, that the provincial government be urged to take steps to remove the Indians off the reserve at once.

This being out of order, it was withdrawn, and the original motion carried.

Tenders for lumber were received from the Shawnigan Lake Lumber Co., Leigh & Sons, Taylor Mill Co. and J. A. Sayward, and referred to the finance committee and building inspector.

The council then adjourned.

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No. 6 Company Meeting.—Last evening at the Drill hall No. 6 Company Association held their annual meeting. The officers for the ensuing term were elected as follows: President, Corporal Anderson; secretary-treasurer, Gunner Thomson, the popular half-back of the Victorias; executive committee, Gunners Garnett, Lakin and Corbett. The retiring secretary-treasurer, Stanley Porter, who has rendered the association such efficient service for the past seven years, received a most hearty vote of thanks. Several matters of minor importance were afterwards discussed.

GREAT MILK TRICK.

The British milkman is not unfamiliar with the secret uses of adulteration, and only the other day a member of the fraternity became famous—through the medium of a rather ingenious method of watering his milk.

Modern Athens, however, has furnished what is doubtless the most ingenious method of milk adulteration ever devised by man.

The Athenians insist on having the unadulterated article. They wait for the dealer in goats' milk to drive his herd along the street, and then insist that the goats shall be milked in their presence, so that the dealer may have no opportunity to play any of the many tricks that are familiar to the trade.

But the wily milk dealer soon devised a plot to evade the eagle eye of the Athenian housewife. He began wearing a long flowing blouse with capacious sleeves. As he drove his herd along the street he kept bawling at the top of his lungs "Gala! Gala!" and that brought the "Maid of Athens" to the door with her pitcher.

When the good housewife demands that a goat shall be milked in her presence the dealer obligingly complies, and it is then that he makes most use of that long, loose blouse.

In one hand the milkman holds the end of a thin rubber tube, which runs up his sleeve and connects with a capacious rubber bag that is concealed beneath the ample folds of his blouse.

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In this way the milk and water are made to flow into the purchaser's pitcher side by side and she is none the wiser.

"Ef you please, suh," said the old darkey to the lawyer, "I wants ter take out a partin' injunctin'."

"What do you mean by that?" asked the lawyer.

"I means, suh, in plain langwidge, a verdict ter break 'way—ter take de right han' road whar de roads cross, an' let de ole 'oowan go her way en me go mine."

"Dat's it, suh," exclaimed the old man. "I dunno who Alimony is; but des gibbe my injunction, en he kin take her, ef he wants her!"—Atlanta Constitution.

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Local Mining Association Meets

Victoria Branch of Provincial Organization Holds Its Annual Gathering.

Reports of Secretary and Treasurer For the Current Year Are Read.

Last evening at the Board of Trade rooms the second annual meeting of the Victoria branch of the Provincial Mining Association was held.

Chairman Machin said he had just come from the Driard, where he had met the delegation from the Similkameen country and they had told him how much they regretted not being able to attend the meeting in a body. He spoke of his late trip through the upper country and the great increase in the mining industry and said the membership in many of the local associations had doubled in number quite recently. He said the meeting was called to elect officers for the coming year. He had always, he said, both in the East and West claimed British Columbia was destined to be the treasure box of Canada and every year brought it nearer the truth.

In the absence of the treasurer, the secretary, Frank I. Clarke, read the financial report, showing that after the Victoria branch had paid 50 per cent of the money to the provincial association, there was still $52.86 in the treasury. The report was as follows:

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	305 50	
	$590 21	$590 21

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Advertising	$ 23 55	
Postage	21 05	
Office rent	56 00	
Printing	16 50	
Telegrams	8 35	
Treas. Prov. Executive	142 35	
Frank Clarke, Sec.	100 00	
Treas. Prov. Executive	152 25	
Sundry expenses	17 30	
Bal. in Royal Bank of Can.	52 86	
		$590 21
	$590 21	

In calling for the adoption of the treasurer's report the chairman said how gratifying it was to find such a good report for the first year.

The report was adopted as read.

The secretary then read his annual report as follows:

By a resolution adopted by the meeting at which the Victoria branch was formed on April 23, 1903, all residents of Victoria who had subscribed to the Provincial Mining Association were recognized as members of this branch. In consequence of this resolution the branch started with 782 names on its membership roll, but when your executive met, immediately after the organization meeting, it was found that of these only 291 had paid their membership fees. Steps were at once taken to collect those fees. A circular letter was prepared and mailed to every signatory inviting him to complete his membership, and that having failed to meet any response a committee was struck to make a canvass of those who had not paid up. The committee met with poor encouragement, the excitement of the convention having died out, it was found that those who would have contributed cheerfully in the first instance had they been asked to do so, had lost interest in the new organization and turned their attention to other matters. Discouraged, but not defeated, your executive then announced a public meeting in the city hall, enlisting the assistance of Mr. Wm. M. Brewer, M. E., who delivered an interesting address on the "Mineral Resources of Vancouver island" and of several well-known musicians who brightened the intervals between the speeches with vocal and instrumental selections. Despite the attractiveness of the programme the meeting was not largely attended butresulted in an addition of eight new members. Subsequently further efforts were made to collect funds, but without appreciable result and finally it was decided to make no further attempt in that direction until the New Year and the near approach of convention week.

Meantime membership cards and copies of the constitution and by-laws were mailed to each member in good standing and your executive co-operated as far as possible with the provincial executive in the general work of the association.

In July the British Columbia Agricultural Association invited the assistance and co-operation of the branch in preparing a mining exhibit for the annual exhibition. A special meeting was called at which it was decided to volunteer to take full charge of the mining and mineral department of the exhibition, and the offer having been thankfully accepted by the exhibition management, a committee was struck to carry out the details. It was suggested that the exhibit should include specimens of ore from every mining district of the Province, mining machinery and pictures illustrating mining, smelting and milling operations. An estimate of cost was prepared and submitted to the exhibition management and an appropriation of $250 asked for, but all that could be spared from the exhibition funds was $100, and with that amount at its disposal your special exhibition committee went to work. The transportation companies were written to and responded most generously, the C. P. R. and the E. & N. consenting to carry exhibits free of charge, while the Dominion Express Company agreed to carry free parcels up to 500 pounds.

Letters were written to the owners and managers of every working mine and every smelter in the province asking for samples of ore, smelter products and photographs. These letters were ignored in the majority of cases, but a few responded heartily. The provincial government gave every aid and encouragement possible to the committee, the splendid collection of Provincial ores arranged by Mr. Kitto of the mines department, forming one of the main features of the exhibit. The Tourist Association also very kindly loaned a well filled cabinet of Vancouver island ores. Individual mine owners in many instances went to considerable trouble and expense in sending in exhibits which contributed to the success of the display. The mineral exhibit, while it fell far short of the ambition of your special committee, was pronounced by mining men to be most creditable, surpassing the displays made in former years, and attracting a great deal of attention. During the exhibition several thousand pamphlets on British Columbia's mineral resources, published by the provincial government, were distributed to visitors.

It was a subject for regret that several fine samples were received too late for the exhibition on account of delay en route. These samples weer placed on exhibition in a Government street window and attracted much attention.

While the mining exhibit was under discussion a suggestion was made by Mr. A. J. Morley that it would be advisable to hold an exhibition of mining machinery in this city during convention week, and it was decided to ask the co-operation of the various branches throughout the province in recommending such exhibition to the provincial executive. Letters were accordingly addressed to the secretaries of eighty-two branches, but only five replies were received and of these but three favored the scheme. The provincial executive, which had been communicated with on the same subject, declined to take any action.

During the year about forty new members were enrolled. Recently your president and secretary have been making a canvass for subscriptions and are pleased to report that they have met with ready and generous response from nearly every firm or individual visited. The near approach of the convention has again aroused the public in the work of the association, and there is little doubt but the new executive will find it an easy task to collect all the funds necessary to make that important event a complete success.

Benefiting by the experience of the past year, it is suggested that the canvass for subscriptions and for new members be vigorously prosecuted immediately preceding and during the annual convention.

FRANK I. CLARKE, Secretary.

Victoria, Jan. 24, 1904.

The report was, on motion, unanimously adopted, and the chairman paid Secretary Clarke a very high compliment for the able way he had conducted the work during the past year and the very efficient service he had rendered the local association.

The chairman appointed Messrs. Cuthbert and Grant scrutineers, and the voting for president was proceeded with. Mr. Thompson nominated Mr. Rowland Machin and Mr. Morley seconded. The nomination was made unanimous.

Mr. Machin thanked the members for the honor they had done him.

Mr. D. W. Higgins nominated Dr. J. T. Jones for vice president; Mr. Paterson seconded. This nomination was also made unanimous, and Dr. Jones was declared duly elected.

Mr. J. Kingham was re-elected treasurer and thanked the members for the trust and accepted the post.

Mr. Frank I. Clarke was unanimously and enthusiastically re-elected secretary. In moving the nomination Mr. Kingham paid a very high tribute to Mr. Clarke.

Mr. Clarke responded and gave a short resume of the year's work, saying that the local association showed very good progress in comparison with other associations. He said he should endeavor to do his best for the association during the coming year.

Dr. T. J. Jones moved that the old executive be re-elected.

After some discussion it was decided to elect two in the places of W. H. Langley and N. S. Clarke. Messrs. A. R. Sherk and Frank Higgins were elected. The full executive is Frank Higgins, A. R. Sherk, James Paterson, W. H. Thomson, A. J. Morley, J. W. Bolden and A. E. MacEachren.

The selection of delegates to the convention to be held here next month, was, on motion of Mr. D. W. Higgins, left in the hands of the executive. The officers and executive to be delegates with power to add to their numbers to make up the necessary number, viz., 18.

Mr. Loveridge told tersely of the doings in the North last season and the meeting adjourned.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

In the Legislature yesterday reference was again made to the return brought down showing the amounts collected in Victoria and Vancouver, respectively, on account of various sources of income. The different items have attracted considerable attention and aroused discussion as to the facts which these returns disclose. In the collection of the Revenue Tax and Marriage Licenses the receipts in Vancouver exceed those in Victoria. This was to be expected from the larger population in the former place. But there is evidently some improvement needed in either the system of collection or the manner in which it is carried out. The Voters' Lists for these two places show a certain number of names on them. As these lists were made up as recently as last Summer, they may be regarded as accurate. But the return shows that in both towns the number of persons who paid the Revenue Tax was smaller than the number on the Voters' List. As all males over a certain age are liable for the Revenue Tax, while Chinese, Japanese, and other foreigners, who have not been naturalized, are not entitled to have their names put on the Voters' List, it consequently follows that there must be a large number of persons who have avoided payment of the Revenue Tax. The Minister of Finance will doubtless take steps to ascertain where the defect is that permits of thousands of persons escaping payment of taxes to which they are liable.

In reference to the other items in the return—especially the two most important—Income Tax and Personal Property Tax—the figures may be misleading unless the facts connected with them are understood. In the past some of the large business corporations, such as banks, insurance companies and other organizations doing business throughout British Columbia, have paid the taxes for which they were assessed in Victoria. Consequently it is impossible to make an accurate comparison between the amounts of revenue received in the two places. Under the new Assessment Act it is made compulsory on corporations to pay their taxes in Victoria if they have a place of business there, and we may, therefore, expect the returns in the future to show still larger proportionate amounts of revenue received in Victoria compared with the receipts in Vancouver. There is, however, no reason for any objection to be taken to the method adopted by the Government for the collection of these particular items of taxation from corporations. It certainly is a more systematic method than that previously in vogue, and by a little alteration in the form in which the accounts of the Treasury are kept, it will not be difficult to separate the local from what may be denominated as the Provincial items of receipts on account of these two taxes.

The division on the amendments to the motion to go into Committee of Supply, proposed by Dr. King and Mr. Brown, was taken yesterday afternoon, and the amendment by Mr. Macdonald was then taken up. Although the Opposition has made a general onslaught on the Government's policy, it cannot be said that it has been successful in its attempt to pick holes in it. The difficulty that the Opposition has to contend against is considerable. It is impossible for it to deny that, when the present Government came into office, the Provincial finances were in a most unsatisfactory state. That fact every Opposition candidate asserted on the hustings, and asked for the support of the electors on the ground that the Liberals, if returned to power, would restore things to a sounder condition. Nor can the Opposition deny that the Government has thoroughly met the situation and achieved what was desired. It is, therefore, only on the manner in which the Government performed the task that the Opposition has any opportunity for criticism, and it has made the most of this. Few submit to increased taxation without grumbling, and the critics of a government which is under the necessity of increasing the public burdens never lack some support in their condemnation of its actions, unavoidable though they may be. But the Opposition has not been able to suggest any other feasible method of providing the requisite funds than that adopted by the Government, and it must have realized already that the country is quite prepared and willing to let sufficient time elapse to show the result of what has been done.

PARTY RECONSTRUCTION.

As the time approaches for the opening of the next session of the Imperial Parliament, the interest increases as to the effect that the cleavage in the Unionist party, caused by Mr. Chamberlain's recent action, will have on the fortunes and positions of the two great political parties. That it will, to some extent, transform the Liberal-Unionist party there can be little doubt. It is also as certain that the relations of some of the most prominent of its members, both to one another and to the party, will be considerably changed. These things are an illustration of the effect which great issues have on the course of political events in the United Kingdom. The most important occurrence of such a character in comparatively recent times was Mr. Gladstone's declaration for Home Rule in 1886. Then an influential section of Liberals and Radicals, the former led by the Duke of Devonshire, and the latter by Mr. Chamberlain, left the Liberal party and entered into an alliance with the Conservative party under Lord Salisbury's leadership. Although what was known as a Unionist Administration was then formed and held office until 1893, the only member of it who was not a Conservative was Mr. Goschen. Mr. Gladstone returned to office for a brief period in 1893, but the Unionist party remained unaffected, and when it returned to power in 1895 in greater numerical strength in the House of Commons than before, the Liberal element in the party was accorded recognition by the inclusion of the Duke of Devonshire, Mr. Chamberlain and others of their friends in the cabinet. Thereby the Unionist party was further consolidated, and it has enabled the administrations of Lord Salisbury and Mr. Balfour to carry on the business of the country with a majority at their back so large as almost to cause anxiety as to the effect which that fact, coupled with the internal dissensions of the Liberal party, might have on the system of constitutional government that is most efficient in its operation when the strength of the two contending parties is more nearly equal. Nor did there until last year seem to be anything that would be likely to threaten that remarkable ascendency of the Unionist party for some time to come. As a bolt from the blue, Mr. Chamberlain's speech at Birmingham in May last, suddenly changed the whole situation. The proposal for what appeared to many to be a revolutionary change in the country's fiscal policy, has produced a result that the Opposition's attacks for eight years have failed to effect.

Not until Parliament meets and the question of fiscal reform is discussed thoroughly, will it be possible to form any clear idea of the situation as regards the relative strength of the support that one fiscal system or the other has in the House. Even then it will not be safe to assume that the attitude assumed on the question by the members of the House of Commons accurately represents the view taken by the country. This question was not one that was presented to the constituencies at the General Election in 1902. On that occasion every other question was put aside for the one matter that engrossed the attention of the whole country—the war in South Africa and the anxiety that it should be brought to an end and the colonies pacified as quickly as possible. It was solely on that question that the Salisbury Administration was returned to power by such a substantial majority. But Mr. Chamberlain's action has changed the whole situation. The Government itself has been divided on the problem which he has asked the country to solve on the method he has proposed. Himself the strongest personality in the Cabinet that commanded popular support at the polls in 1902, his retirement from it has unquestionably greatly altered its position in the country. To what extent he has weakened it by his startling fiscal proposals it is impossible at present to say. But it is tolerably certain that, relatively, the Opposition has gained more than the Unionist party by Mr. Chamberlain's action. That does not necessarily imply that in the ultimate result Mr. Chamberlain and the Unionist party will not remain the victors. But the present effect is to cause divisions and differences in the Unionist ranks while giving the factions in the Liberal party something on which it may be possible for them to reunite and to follow a leader not identified too closely with the disputes that have reduced a once great party to comparative impotence. There is little doubt that should the Duke of Devonshire and Lord Rosebery come together and gain the allegiance of the Liberal party as a whole, that the prospects for success at the next appeal to the country would be brighter than they have been since Home Rule wrought havoc in the party's ranks.

IMPROPER OPPOSITION TACTICS.

It seems as though the Opposition, being unable to prevent the passage of the Bill through the House to relieve Mr. Macdonald, the member for Lillooet, from any penalties he may have unwittingly incurred under Section 33 of the Constitution Act, is endeavoring to adopt other means to achieve its purpose. It is hinted that there are resources within the corners of the Constitution greater even than the Legislature in dealing with Provincial matters, and not very obscurely suggests that His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, and the Federal authorities may interfere. While we cannot but regret that party exigencies should be considered as a justification for dragging the representative of the Crown into a question with which the Legislature is not only capable of dealing, but which solely concerns its internal administration and code of political ethics, we are not inclined to think that much attention need be paid to such improper attempts to interfere with the ordinary constitutional methods.

The Bill now under consideration does not mark an innovation on methods pursued in the past in such cases, or make a precedent. Twice within recent years, and within the personal knowledge of gentlemen sitting in the present House, have similar measures been passed through the Legislature without opposition. In 1895 Premier Davie carried such a Bill to relieve the sitting member, Mr. J. D. Prentice, from penalties for sitting in the House when it was believed that his opponent was entitled to the seat, as was proved afterwards to be the case. In 1899 the Semlin Government introduced a Bill to allow Messrs. Deane and Prentice to sit during the session. So we have administrations on both sides of politics pursuing the same course. In the present case there is a feeling among a number of the members of the Opposition that nothing should be done to embarrass Mr. Macdonald on account of action done under an entire misapprehension of the law, under the advice of a person on whose opinion he relied, and which has been of no pecuniary benefit to himself.

Have you had brain fag yet?" young Burbish asked the rising author.

"No," replied the latter. "Just at present I don't need the advertising."—Cleveland Plaindealer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

WHO IS MARTIN?

Sir,—In looking through your Sunday issue I saw a notice, "Who is Martin?" If that letter was sent to Gabriola Island it will either reach the man himself or his family. I have known Mr. Martin and he is an old timer, also from Kent, but have not heard or seen anything of him for some time, but am perfectly sure it is for him. Hoping you will do your best to have it sent there.

W. BAKER.

Wellington, B. C., Jan. 24th, 1904.

CLALLAM DISASTER.

Sir,—Many letters have appeared in your columns re the sad disaster to the Clallam. In all the letters that have appeared, I see no reference made to the size of the "so-called" life boats, or as to their capacity. The method of securing them inboard is contrary to all the ordinary methods adopted by sea-going ships. The gentleman signing himself "Clyde Seaman" is correct in his statements, and the gentleman signing "Harman" knows nothing about what he is talking about. The thing in a nutshell is this: The master was incompetent, the vessel was unseaworthy, and the object in view was to save salvage. In my humble opinion, murder in the first degree.

SAILOR.

ENGINEERS' RESOLUTION.

Sir,—We shall thank you to insert in your newspoper the following resolution, passed by the above association this date, and a copy of which we have transmitted to the members of the legislature:

"Resolved, that as this association fully recognizes the fact that the Act for the licensing of stationary negineers was executed for the protection of the general public, and not for the benefit of the engineers, we do not wish to oppose any legislation that would result in injury to any engineer, whether a member of this association or not. At the same time we consider it would be a great mistake to permit any engineer to obtain a certificate without examination, but would suggest that service certificates should be issued on passing a practical verbal examination, and all purely technical and theoretical questions omitted.

"And further, that this association strongly objects to any engineer obtaining a certificate of any kind without the payment of a fee, this being unfair to other engineers who have paid, or may hereafter be required to pay, for the privilege of obtaining a competency certificate."

We beg to express to you the thanks of the association for the publicity which you have already given to the proposed legislation referred to in the above resolution.

G. H. FLOWER, President.

W. REITH, Recording Secretary.

Vancouver, B. C., 23rd January, 1904.

[The above is an exact copy of a circular letter just to hand, and is published for the benefit of all concerned.—Ed.]

MR. HARMAN'S ANSWER.

Sir,—That I am a fire-eater, sea lawyer, monster of the deep, etc., etc., goes without salt, as far as I am concerned; that I am and have been a sailor (who knew his business) some 40 odd years, as have been proven by many prominent officers with whom I served prior to settling here, enough of that rebuttal. This nameless marine waif accuses me of abuse and scorn. Abuse I deny totally in toto! Scorn; yes! and a big Y at that; unmitigated as a coward and worse, to undertake to kick a man down; in fact, passing judgments, endeavoring to influence public opinion, while at the present the man is before the proper tribunal to try him. Methinks if the trial were over here he would have withheld his remark, not from good nature, but "fear" of blue paper. He goes on to use innuendoes that I am not only screening Capt. Roberts, but subject to some other force in doing so. Shakespeare says: 'Suspicion ever haunts the guilty mind." Amen! Now, I care nothing of what he wrote yesterday, for it was a hodge podge of calumny, as I am sure outside of himself no person can show where I am screening Capt. Roberts, (kalsomine) is the word. I believe him to be a past master with the brush, whether with whitewash or any other color, even to skim milk color. All arguments pro and con re the Clallam is of no import to me, more than the enormity of such an unexpected disaster, and the overwhelming sorrow it has enveloped us in. As regards the loss of the London, the full facts I cannot replace, but they can be gotten in book form. But if "Clyde Seaman" plays such will o' the wisp havoc with his recollection as he did with the substance of my letter yesterday, then take a few pounds of saltpetre before swallowing it. All I do know is that the smallest boat the ship carried outlived the sea that engulphed the ship. I am still of the opinion that want of knowledge has driven the poor wretch "mad." Maybe sometime Roberts refused him a job. Who knows? I write no more in answer to myth or man that is ashamed of his father's name, if he bears it. And in conclusion, that scriptural reference—what an inspiration. I am thankful indeed for his kindness in waking up my youthful scripture teaching, Samuel, or is it Kings, says: "Balaam was a prophet after the order of God." Balaam did wrong, and evidently to more fully convince him of his wrong-doing "the Almighty inspired the humblest of His brutes to read him a lesson." And the ass spoke. Balaam bowed his head, saw his evil and sinned no more. A splendid allegory as far as I see, and I am proud to be likened unto that inspired beast, Balaam's ass, if only to have one uninspired ass less in the world, and still under the signature "Clyde Seaman."

THOMAS HARMAN.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

Dr. Gillier, proprietor of the Jaffray House, at Jaffray, shot and killed a man named Magee last Saturday night, and is now in jail at Fernie awaiting the result of the inquest and investigation. There are several reports in circulation as to how the tragedy occurred, and it is difficult to secure an accurate report as most of those present at the time had been drinking during the afternoon and evening, and are very reticent as to details. One story is that the man attacked the wife of Gillier and attempted an assault, but was prevented by the husband who fired the shot to protect the woman.—Cranbrook Herald.

Col. Holmes, D. O. C., Victoria, is a guest at the Strathcona. He will inspect the arms and accoutrements of No. 2 company, R. M. R., at 10:30 this morning (Friday) and later will inspect the new armory prior to its being formally taken over by the Dominion authorities. In the evening Colonel Holmes will be the guest of the officers and non-commissioned officers of the Rangers at their at home in the new armory, which will be formally opened tonight.—Nelson News.

It is an assured fact that the Arlington people will erect their reduction works at their mine this season, a statement that will be gladsome news to the people of the camp. As is known, J. Frank Collom, managing director of the Arlington Mines, has been in the eastern money market off and on for months, and has finally succeeded in raising the necessary capital to erect and operate the works. A reserve fund will also be maintained wherewith to purchase custom ores from neighboring properties, the owners of which will be able to realize at once on their output without the heavy expenditure of freight and smelter treatment. The information regarding the mill was contained in a letter received here Friday by H. D. Curtis, the company's representative. It came from Mr. Collom, who has been in consultation with the Arlington directors in San Francisco.—Slocan Drill.

TO LOUISE HARRIS.

"It is said that Miss Louise Harris of Spokane, Wash., whose body was found seated in one of the Clallam's boats, did not give up the struggle for life until well on into Saturday morning, January the 9th, when she must have died of exposure."—San Francisco Paper.

Her suffering ended with the day,
Yet lives she at its close,
And breathed that long, long night away,
How brave, God only knows.
But when the sun, in all his state,
Illumed the eastern skies,
She passed through Glory's morning-gate,
And walked in Paradise!

—James Aldrich.

MEN AND THINGS.

At the burial of a South London man his six dogs, draped in black, followed the cortege.

Manhattan Island has an average of 132 people to the acre, while London has 60.

A steel-like grass from the volcanic slopes of Oran, Algeria, is so elastic that it can be used instead of springs in the manufacture of furniture.

The dahlia was introduced into Europe for the value of its bulb as a substitute for the Irish potato, which it resembles when baked.

At Munich, Bavaria, very good cotton has been manufactured from pine wood. The process is not expensive and it is hoped that Europe may become independent of American cotton.

Lady Blount, the well-known advocate of the flat-earth theory, has thrown down the gauntlet to the astronomers. In the Christmas number of Home Chat she characterizes the globular hypothesis as "the greatest myth of science," and complains that orthodox astronomers do not treat their opponents fairly and will not meet their arguments. "One great stock argument on which our opponents rely," says Lady Blount, "is, of course, that ships at sea disappear from view. Remarkable experiments have been made, ships having been clearly seen with powerful telescopes at distances of thirty or forty miles. From Holyhead to Kingstown harbor is sixty miles, and half-way between the lighthouse at the latter place has been observed through a telescope, whereas the top should have been 600 feet below the level of the horizon if there were any thing in the globular theory.

The Christian Herald of this week contains a sermon on "The Stars," by Rev. Joseph Hamilton, author of "Our Own and Other Worlds." This popular book is receiving high commendation from the press, and the Ontario Minister of Education recommends it for purchase by all libraries receiving government aid.

WOMEN SINGERS

One of Pope Pius X.'s reforms is one that excludes women absolutely from church choirs. The soprano and alto parts are to be sung by little boys. All the members of the choir are to be arrayed in cassock and surplice, and concealed behind a grating. Special Gregorian schools, it is further provided, are to be instituted in every Catholic college and seminary. The order affecting choirs is intended to apply to the world at large immediately; but churches are authorized to continue the use of the music at present in vogue until it shall become feasible to substitute the Gregorian chant.

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It is well known that the majority of human ills arise from constipation of the bowels, and on this account many people make it a rule to see that the bowels move once every day. If you are subject to constipation you can be cured by the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. These Pills not only make the bowels active, but by their action on the liver ensures a regular flow of bile, nature's own cathartic and so remove the cause of serious disease.

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Sale of Torchon Lace Today.

Among these medium to high grade laces are pretty nearly all the kinds you want.

10c. Laces for	5c.
15c. Laces for	7c.
20c. Laces for	10c.
25c. Laces for	12½c.
35c. Laces for	15c.
50c. Laces for	25c.
75c. Laces for	35c.

10 nd 12 1-2c Flannelette for 5c

Figured Blouse Flannelette, also stripes and spots. Thursday, 5c. yard.

$1 Bedspreads for 50c

100 Bed Spreads go on sale Today at this price. Finished ready for use, three-quarter size. Today, 50c. each.

30c. Wrapper Flannelettes. Today, 15c. yard.

Twenty-eight different patterns. s

Children's Tams Today 15c each

Values, 25c., 35c. and 50c.

A maker's stock of samples. Some very desirable kinds in the lot. Regular, 25c., 35c. and 50c. Today, 15c. each.

Costumes

Yesterday we had a busy time in the costume department. Today we expect the same rush—with bargains to be had like these: $25.00, $30.00 and $35.00 costumes for $11.50.

Colors, black, fawns, brown, navy and mixed colors, in Tweeds, Cheviots and Betelius.

$3.50 and $4 Skirts for $2.50

Lustrous Black Silkette Italian Underskirts go on sale Today. We make a clean sweep of all our better grades of Black Skirts, $3.50 and $4.00 qualities. Today, $2.50.

$7.50, 8.50, 9.50, 10.50 11.50 and 12.50 Skirts for $3.75

Colors, black, navy, Mixed Tweeds and Cheviots. This is one of the best offerings of the month.

$8.50 and 1o.5o Children's Coats for 5.5o

Children's Bear Skin and Cheviot Coats in cream and colors. Plenty of wearing time for the coats. Others at

$1.65, were	$2.50
$1.95, were	$3.50
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Pinks, blues and whites, trimmed frills and embroidery to match. Prices, 35c., 40c. and 50c. pair. Today, 25c.

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Good Bye to Fancy Silks

We're quite ready to take leave of the Fancy Silks, and the new prices give evidence of our intentions:

$1.50 Silks for	75c.
$1.00 Silks for	50c.
$2.00 Silks for	95c.

50c, 75c and $1 Satins Today 35c yd.

We placed on sale 740 yards of these Satins. Plenty left for Today's selling.

3.50 Dressing Jackets for 1.25

French Flannel Jackets, trimmed Satin. Sold at $2.50, but made to sell at $3.50. Today, $1.25.

Jersey Flannel Dressing Jackets

Tuesday, $1.25.

Colors, white and cardinal.

White edged with pink and blue wool, cardinal edged with black wool. Worth $1.75, for $1.25.

28 Men's House Jackets Left

We offered 64 of these coats at $2.90 last week. Now the balance go at the same price, $2.90 each. Average value, $7.50.

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Local News.

"Living Canada."—The bioscope pictures "Living Canada," which will be presented at the Victoria theatre on Friday evening next and following nights, have been shown in Vancouver during the past week. The press of that city gives unstinted praise to the attraction which will no doubt draw large houses in this city.

"Devil's Auction."—The attraction at the Victoria theatre on Thursday evening next will be Charles H. Yate's everlasting "Devil's Auction"—"The twenty-second edition and the best ever." There are said to be many new scenic wonders and special features this year. Seats are on sale today at the Victoria Book and Stationery store, Government street.

Carter-Horth.—On Thursday last, at Innisfail, N. W. T., C. D. Carter, of that place, was married to Miss A. M. Horth, of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Gerald Card, B. A., in the presence of a number of invited guests. The young couple received many valuable and useful wedding presents. Dancing followed at the Royal hotel and was kept up until well into Friday.

Going to Camborne.—Harry C. Ware, of South African fame, and one of Messrs. Weiler Bros. popular employees, has resigned his position to take up new duties with a firm in Camborne, B. C. The Fifth Regiment, of which he is sergeant, will also lose in him one of its most valued members. No. 4 Company, to which he was attached, especially so, as he was always most assiduous in his duties.

Trial Island Light.—The action of the committee of the Board of Trade in suggesting that the Dominion government place a light on Trial island has met with the approval of the Vancouver Pilot Board. The Province says: "Without exception the Vancouver pilots are of the opinion that a light on Trial island would be a great aid to the navigation of the waters in the vicinity of that place, and they will so state when replying to a communication from Victoria."

Sergeants Invited.—The secretary-treasurer of the sergeants' mess, Fifth Regiment, C. A., desires to notify the members of the mess that he is in receipt of an invitation for themselves and lady friends from the warrant officers, staff sergeants and sergeants' club, Work Point barracks, to a social to be held at the Fives' court, Work Point, on Wednesday evening, January 27th; dancing. It is hoped that as many members of the mess as possible will attend after the regimental parade.

Flagship's Departure.—At noon yesterday H. M. S. Grafton weighed anchor and proceeded out of Esquimalt harbor on her voyage to Central and South American ports. Her first stop will probably be at Mazatlan, Mexico, and from there will touch at Acapulco, Panama, Callao, Mollendo, Valparaiso and Valdivia. She carries mails for the Shearwater, which ship she will most likely pass on the Californian coast. The Grafton is expected to return in May.

Caught Whale.—A young whale, about twenty-two feet in length, was captured on Sunday by W. G. Henley off Clover Point, and when brought to the beach attracted a large crowd of spectators, who watched the captor skinning and cutting it up. The whale was shot while swimming between Trial Island and the shore, and towed to the beach. It weighed between four and five tons. When the whale was opened it was found that there was a young one, about seven feet long, inside, and the smaller one is now being exhibited at 116 Yates street. A large number visited the beach yesterday and on Sunday to view the captive. Some boys visited the beach yesterday and smashed some of the whale's teeth with axes.

Favors Crown Grants.—James Moore, of Cariboo, who has been prospecting and mining in British Columbia for the past forty-six years, is in the city, a guest at the Dominion. He is a delegate to the mining convention to be held shortly. Mr. Moore thinks there should be some provision providing for the granting of crown grants to miners after they had done a certain specified amount of development work, at an expenditure of $500 and $1,000, and proved that they have discovered a mine of value. They could then go to the capitalist with the title and have some hope of securing the investment of the necessary money for the operation of the property. Mr. Moore emphasized this point—that it would encourage capitalists to invest their money in British Columbia mining. This was what was required more than anything else if the prosperity of the province was to be assured.

Edison Theatre.—The two Mortons gave an excellent performance at the Edison theatre last night, consisting of baton and club swinging, principally. Mrs. Morton was particularly amusing in her Sis Hopkins' make-up, and the ending to this turn is very interesting and sensational. Harry Gibbs, in his unique specialty, kept the house in a continual roar, and everyone was thoroughly entertained by the whistling selections he gave, which he changes at each performance. The Bennett children are marvels. The older one is but eleven years, and her sister just ten months younger. They are a delightful novelty in the vocal line, and were greatly applauded. Next to the great Santa Fe train robbery, exhibited last week, probably the best moving picture ever shown by Edison is the "Life of an American Fireman," as produced last night. The stage effects are splendidly worked by Mr. McDougall, the new stage manager, and a word of praise is due Mr. Forest J. Heim, the expert operator of the Edison, for his very able lecture.

Poultry Association.—There will be a meeting of the Victoria Poultry Association tonight in the secretary's office, 132 Government street; business, election of officers and secretary's report.

Social Dance.—Mrs. Lester's regular Tuesday evening social will be held in Alexandra college hall, Government street, beginning at 8.30 o'clock this evening.

Political Meeting.—This evening there is to be a political meeting at Colquitz hall, Carey road. Ralph Smith, M. P., W. W. B. McInnes, M. P. P., Henry Tanner, M. P. P., and others will speak. Light refreshments will be served.

New Freight Tariff.—K. J. Burns, local agent of the Great Northern, has been advised that the new tariff covering the advance of west bound freight from Eastern Canada will go into operation on February 15th.

Died at Owen Sound.—Messrs. James and G. F. Waites, well known in this city, have received the sad news of the death of their mother, Mrs. John Waites, in Owen Sound, Ontario. Her husband died only last September.

Killed a Cow.—On Saturday evening a thoroughbred Jersey cow was killed on the Victoria & Sidney railway. It had broken through a gap in a fence surrounding its pasture field, and getting on the track was struck by the 6 o'clock train.

Conservative Rally.—This evening in the A. O. U. W. hall, on Yates street, the Liberal-Conservatives will hold a meeting, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the convention to be held here on February 1st next. All Liberal-Conservatives are requested to attend.

Sheriff's Sale.—Sheriff Richards will this morning, at 11 o'clock on the premises, No. 28 Store street, sell by public auction the goods, chattels and effects of the B. C. Cold Storge, Ice & Produce Company. The goods to be sold comprise one large J. & J. Taylor safe, roller office desks, tables, chairs, counter, scales, freight elevator, etc.

Fifth Regiment Programme.—Members of the Fifth Regiment are requested to note the following programme for the week: Tuesday—1. Drill for Nos. 1 and 2 companies; 2. band practice. Wednesday—1. Office, 7:45; 2. Battalion parade. Thursday—1. Gymnastic night; 2. Bugle band practice. Friday—1. Gallery practice; 2. band practice. Saturday—Band concert.

Young People's Guild.—An interesting meeting of the Young People's Guild will be held in the schoolroom of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church this evening, when A. J. Pineo will give a lecture on "The Chemistry of a Match." The meeting will commence at 8 o'clock. It was through an error that the announcement of a concert for this evening was made.

Improving Railway.—It is announced that important improvements are shortly to be carried out on the Victoria & Sidney railway. The whole line is to be overhauled, the cattle guards removed and replaced with new ones, and the track placed in a good state of repair. This work will be started as soon as the weather will permit, and a large force of laborers will be employed in carrying it through to completion.

Fisk Jubilee Singers.—Last evening at the Metropolitan church the Fisk Jubilee Singers gave a splendid entertainment to a large audience. The concert was under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., and was in every respect a great success. The Fisk Jubillee singers are certainly a very strong musical organization and fully maintained their high reputation last evening.

Funeral Yesterday.—The funeral of the late Peter Glendenning took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of his brother, Mr. Adam Glendenning, of Cedar Hill. There was a large attendance and many beautiful floral emblems presented. The Rev. Mr. McCoy, M. A., conducted the services at the residence and at Ross Bay Cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs H. King, W. Clarke, R. Scott, R. C. McCrea, P. Merriman and G. E. Davidson.

Accident on C. P. R.—The News-Advertiser of Sunday has the following particulars of an accident which occured on the C. P. R. on Friday night. The official account of the mishap issued by General Superintendent Marpole is as follows: "At 8 o'clock on Friday night an accident occurred on the Kicking Horse grade, Field, to a train of coal, derailing and badly smashing the engine and ten cars at No. 3 switch. Engineer Ladner and his fireman, Emslie, are miesing, and Brakeman Gove was seriously injured. The conductor and second brakeman escaped without injury. The track was clear for traffic on Saturday afternoon, but Sunday's Pacific express will be about five hours late."

Need of More Schools.—Previous to the meeting of the city council yesterday evening the mayor and aldermen were waited upon by a deputation from the board of school trustees, headed by Chairman Jay. The latter explained the necessity of some steps being immediately taken to provide increased school accommodation, supported his case by data showing the steadily growing attendance. The expediency of getting the act so amended that conditions on which a bylaw authorizing new school buildings may be erected may be made less onerous, was discussed. Mayor Barnard promised that the views of the board would receive immediate attention.

An Ancient Issue.—The reproduction in the Colonist on Sunday morning of an extract from the files of this paper of 1859, in which allusion was made to the Indian reserve question caused no little comment and much amusement amongst many citizens. Victorians of this generation had little idea that the pioneers of the early days were grappling with the sae problem which has caused them so much concern—the removal of the Indians from the reserve. What makes the reference all the more amusing is the circumstance that co-incident with its reproduction is the fact that the council yesterday evening took another step in the same direction as was contemplated by the legislators who sat in 1859.

Interesting Lecture.—There was the largest meeting of the season at the Natural History Society meeting last evening on the occasion of Dr. Newcombe's lecture. The subject dealt with, the Queen Charlotte islands, and the Haida Indians, which was supplemented by notes from the unpublished manuscript of Captain Ingraham, who visited these islands. The lecture was illustrated by means of numerous lantern slides. Indian relics, charts and maps, and the ground covered historical, ethnological, etc., was so extensive that anything like reference in detail is impossible. At the conclusion a votes of thanks were tendered to Dr. Newcombe and to Mr. Fleming, who operated the slides. The president, Mr. Justice Martin, and other speakers bore testimony to the valuable work done by Dr. Newcombe in the field of original research in British Columbia.

RASER VS. MCQUADE IN SUPREME COURT

Action to Establish an Agreement and Set Aside a Will Made Subsequently.

In the Supreme court yesterday afternoon the case of Raser vs. McQuade came up for trial before Mr. Justice Drake. F. Welby Solomon for plaintiff (deceased) and A. E. McPhillips, K. C., for defendant, who is a trustee of the Raser estate, the beneficiaries of which are Mrs. Campbell and Archbishop Orth.

Mr. Solomon read affidavit of a notary of San Jose to the effect that the cashier of the bank at San Jose had paid defendant.

Sidney Child, barrister-at-law, testified to the signature of Raser to an affidavit in order to establish Raser's handwriting.

E. W. Carr Hilton, teller Canadian Bank of Commerce, was called by Mr. Solomon and testified as to his employment; said he was able to tell in ordinary cases a genuine signature. Several documents were shown witness, who swore three of them were signed by the same person, R. H. Raser; he was doubtful of the fourth, though he said there was much similarity. Witness would not cash cheque if signed as the fourth was before examining.

Gordon M. Grant, student-at-law, proved an assignment signed by C. C. Pemberton to D. H. McDowall. Witness also proved serving Mrs. Campbell a notice of said assignment.

Cross-examined by Mr. McPhillips witness said he was only concerned in the signatures not in the business transactions.

His Lordship thought counsel for the plaintiff should produce Mr. C. C. Pemberton to prove the assignment.

Mr. Solomon addressed His Lordship outlining the facts. He said Mrs. Raser (deceased) formerly Mrs. Boyaline, practically proposed marriage to R. H. Raser on the condition, in writing, that should she predecease him, she would leave him her property. After the marriage Mrs. Raser made a will, the beneficiaries of which are Mrs. Campbell, wife of Frank Campbell of Campbell & Cullin, and Archbishop Orth, and this will plaintiff is seeking to upset and establish the original agreement.

Mr. McPhillips replied.

His Lordship reserved judgment.

FULL COURT.

Judgments were delivered in the Full court yesterday. Briggs vs. Fleutot, appeal allowed with costs. Cooper vs. Yorkshire, appeal dismissed with costs. Hopkins vs. Gooderham, appeal dismissed. Christie vs. Fraser, appeal dismissed, Drake, J., dissenting. Centre Star vs. Great Western, appeal dismissed, C. J. dissenting. Harry vs. Packere, appeal dismissed with costs. Arnold vs. Vancouver, appeal dismissed with costs, C. J. dissenting. Leadbeater vs. Crow's Nest, appeal allowed with costs, Drake, J., dissenting. Silla vs. Crown's Nest, appeal allowed with costs.

IN CHAMBERS.

Before the Hon. the Chief Justice yesterday morning the following cases were heard:

Davies Sayward vs. Buchanan, to change venue, stands over until 26th, to come before Mr. Justice Martin.

E. H. Joy, deceased, administration; official administrator appointed.

Margaret J. Gill, deceased; administration; official administrator appointed.

In the afternoon Ritchie vs. Hawlin was heard before Mr. Justice Martin and fixed for 28th January, at 11 a. m.; Pooley for plaintiff.

ORGAN RECITAL.

Attractive Benefit Concert is Arranged For Tomorrow Evening at St. Johns.

The organ recital which it is to be given in St. John's church tomorrow evening for the benefit of the wife and family of the late Mr. Gibbons, promises to be of unexceptional excellence, as the subjoined programme will show. Such well-known artistes as Mrs. W. E. Green, Mrs. D. E. Campbell and Mr. Herbert Taylor, with the support of the organist, Mr. Watkis, should be sufficient in themselves to draw a very large audience together and the worthy object of the recital will ensure the presence of a very crowded church. The programme is as follows:

Organ solo, "Offertoire" (No. 5)..Wely
Mr. Frank T. Watkis.
Song, "Come Ye Children" ("Prodigal Son") .....Sullivan
Mrs. W. E. Green.
Song, "Abide With Me.".....S. Liddle
Mrs. D. E. Campbell.
Organ solo, Nocturne in E flat...Chopin
Mr. Frank T. Watkis.
Song, "Honor and Arms" (Samson)..
.....Handel
Mr. Herbert Taylor.
Song, "There Is a Green Hill".....
.....Gounod
Mrs. W. E. Green.
Organ solo, Andante Cantabile.....
.....Tschaikowsky
Mr. Frank T. Watkis.
Song, "There Were Ninety and Nine,"
.....Campion
Mrs. D. E. Campbell.
Song, "The Lord Is My Light".Allitsen
Mr. Herbert Taylor.
Organ solo, Sonate (No. 6).Mendelssohn
Mr. Frank T. Watkis.

I. O. O. F. OUTING.

Fraternal Visit of the City Lodges to Duncan Lodge.

By invitation of Duncan Lodge, I. O. O. F., members of the city lodges, to the number of about thirty, visited Duncan last Saturday evening and gave an exhibition of degree work, taking with them their robes and paraphernalia. The initiatory and first and second degreees were conferred by the visitors, the team being captained by James Wilby, D. D. G. M. The work was put on the floor in a very satisfactory manner, much to the gratification and edification of the country members, some of whom had come eight and ten miles to lodge.

Duncan Lodge is in a sound financial condition, and has a comfortable lodge room, carpeted and lighted by acetelene gas. A new piano graces the room, and was used on this occasion for the first time for team marching and the subsequent entertainment, being manipulated by William Jackson, financial secretary and organist of Columbia Lodge.

After adjournment tables were brought in, and soon everybody was busy attending to the wants of the inner man; after which various members contributed songs, recitations, music, etc., and a very enjoyable evening was passed. A vote of thanks was tendered the visiting contingent and an invitation extended to attend a ball to be given by Duncan Lodge on February 5th. The evening closed with three Victoria cheers and a tiger for their hosts, and a request that the fraternal visit be returned at some future date.

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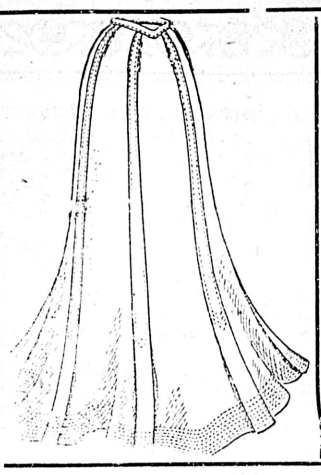

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The Navy League Map, now on exhibition in Hibben's window, is a very fine production, and the price very reasonable. *

Scholars, new stock just received of First Year Latin, Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare, and Merchant of Venice. Victoria Book and Stationery Co., Limited.

Victoria's popular store, the Westside, closed Monday, cutting down prices for a Big Clearing Sale before Spring Goods arrive; open Tuesday sharp at 8.30. See Advertisement. *

Letts' and Canadian Office and Pocket Diary at Hibben's. *

Provincial Legislature

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so often and so long. Mr. Oliver passionately eulogized the Ottawa government for its wisdom in providing all sorts of advantages for the people of the Kootenays. He defied contradiction in this mater. He highly commended the coal lands policy of the Conservative party, and said no sensible man could take exception to that policy.

Mr. Evans (Cowichan) spoke in favor of larger expenditures for roads, trails and bridges throughout the province. The district he represented was perhaps the most successful mining district in British Columbia; roads were badly needed and he hoped the government would reconsider their vote in this matter and make provision in the supplementary estimates. He said that the public works system of British Columbia was one of the most vicious in existence. It inevitably led to abuses. Mr. Evans then criticised the civil service salaries and appropriation, and contrasted past with present ministerial remuneration. He did not think that the class of immigrants coming to the country reflected any credit on the Agent-General's office. He complained that the Agent-General's office should be abolished. He condemned the grants on account of superannuation, holding that the civil servants were well remunerated for their services and that pay should cease with service. He concluded with a general attack on the government's policy.

Mr. Drury moved the adjournment of the debate. The motion was lost 17 to 22 on the usual division.

Mr. Davidson (Slocan)advised opposition critics to take a year to study the effects of the legislation they were attempting to criticise. They would then know a little more about it than they did now. He deprecated the action of a section of the provincial press publishing statements to the world that the people of British Columbia were not able to manage their own affairs. So long as that continued capital would always be a little bit leerie of this country. Fair criticism was good; but there was not too much of it emanating from the opposition side. He questioned the good faith of opposition members who said so much about helping the workingman. He had heard the same hon. gentlemen on the floor of this House speak against legislation designed to benefit the workingmen. He thought the system of distributing the money for public works so long as members had to stand up and plead for appropriations for their particular district, so long would there be misuse of public money. He had made no promises to his constituents as to the amount he would get for the district, only that he would see that it got its fair proportionate share. All his district had received in the appropriations was $5,000. He hoped the government would see its way to erecting a bridge over the Slocan river. He would like also to have the government give a statement of its policy regarding the Kootenay coal and oil blocks.

Mr. Tanner (Saanich) complimented the finance minister on his budget speech, the did not approve of the government's method of meeting the financial situation. He believed the government was sincere in its desire to economize. Mr. Tanner gave an amusing description of a government road and an opposition road; the one smooth and hard making good traveling; the other deep enough to reach to the axles of the vehicle. He thought the government had failed to give tone and dignity to the legislature, as were expected from party politics. He referred to the Fernie incident, and also to the hon. member for Fernie, who, he said, had failed to seize the opportunity to become a hero. It was his duty to resign; nobody felt any personal animosity toward that gentleman, whose genial manner had disarmed any party hostility.

Dr. King's amendment to the motion that the speaker leave the chair, was then put. The amendment, etc., was as follows:

"But this House censures the government of the day for want of policy and unbusinesslike methods in dealing with coal and oil prospecting licenses."

And the amendment to the amendment moved by Mr. Brown on the 22nd of January, as follows:

That all the words of the amendment after the first word "But" be struck out, and the following words be substituted therefor:

"Whereas a large number of bona fide prospectors have located coal and petroleum lands in blocks 4,593 and 4,594, and have made application under authority of the Statutes of this province for licenses to prospect for coal and petroleum within said blocks:

"And whereas said applications have been pending for a long time without any action having been taken by the government:

"And whereas the Honorable the Premier has stated on the floor of this House on the 4th day of December last, in answer to questions that day put to him, that the Lieutenant-Governor had not interfered in any way with the issuing of the said licenses:

"And whereas the Premier has stated, as appears by answers to questions made by the Hon. Member for Alberni on December 7th last past, that he has no reason to believe that chapter 8, British Columbia Statutes, 1903, will be disallowed:

"And whereas it is competent for the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to deal with said application hereinbefore referred to, and grant such of them as ought to be granted, subject to the rights of all any any claimants thereto:

"Therefore, be it resolved, that this House is of opinion that said applications should be dealt with without further delay."

Mr. Oliver, on a point of privilege, contended that the question had been improperly put, and that having been voted upon and decided that the words of Dr. King's amendment should stand part of the question.

Mr. Speaker fully explained the point of procedure to Mr. Oliver's satisfaction, and the House then adjourned at 5:50 p. m. until 8:30 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

On Mr. Speaker taking the chair at 8:30 p. m.

Mr. Macdonald (Rossland) continued the debate on supply. He discussed the financial situation with great detail, and blamed the government for not getting better terms than 5 per cent on its loan. The province was going behind at the rate of half a million a year, and the government had the duty of rescuing the province from this sort of thing, but instead of lightening the burden they added an extra one of $100,000. He then recapitulated the arguments in favor of a shorter period of loan than ten years. He hoped the government would be able to carry out what it had undertaken, though he doubted their ability to do so. He did not believe it was necessary to increase the taxation to the degree which the government had seen fit to enforce, and he could not approve of the method of imposition. He detailed again the alleged unfairness of the distribution of the taxation. The wholesale houses of the province would be ruined in competition with the Eastern houses. The wild lands of the province had been taxed two-thirds more than before, yet the opposition did not approve of placing a rate of taxation upon them which practically amounted to confiscation, and with this he charged the government. He condemned the Assessment Act relating to timber lands and timber leases. He declared that the Act had dealt a serious blow to the lumber industry. The opposition had expected legislation after recess that would mitigate the severity of those taxes. He wanted to know what the railway policy of the government was, and drew a somewhat dismal view of the province waiting for railways. He was aware that deputations had waited upon the Premier urging him to take up railway matters. He had as yet heard nothing as to the railway policy of the government. It could of course, be said with considerable force that the government was not in a position to take up the railway question. He argued, however, that something more should be done than merely keeping up the roads and trails. He told of the difficulties in the Slocan district, which, he alleged, had benefited from the lead bounty granted by the Dominion government. If there were beter shipping facilities the Slocan and Kootenay generally would be much more greatly developed. He had faith enough in the resources of the province to believe that development would yet clear the province of all debt. He thought that the example of Russia, which began to develop its resources from nothing but fallow land and had now become one of the greatest empires of modern times. British Columbia had an area greater than of the United Kingdom, and a population of about 150,000, and yet instead of being what it should be, the banner provolnce of Canada, it was at the foot of the list. As far as its natural resources went it was the banner province. Mr. Macdonald then dealt at some length with the two per cent tax, and blamed the government for not bringing in a bill to that effect. He thought that something should have been done. This question had been urged upon various governments, but nothing had yet been done. Mining men from all over the province waited on the government complaining of the injustice of the tax. He charged the government with being incapable of dealing with this question. Delay in bringing in such legislation was operating injuriously against the interests of the province. An enormous amount of capital was necessary to develop the resources of such a country as this, and he argued that nothing should be done to keep out capital. He had hoped for an Act to cover this matter. He suggested a bill to levy a tax on the net proceeds of the mine less the cost for transportation. His reason for introducing the amendment condemning the government was because they had not brought in the bill to amend the taxation of mines before the estimates.

Mr. Drury was disappointed that no member of the government had risen in his seat to defend the government's policy, especially regarding the Assessment Act.

The Premier in exlanation, said a delegation of the Victoria Board of Trade had waited on him saying they had not yet seen a copy of the bill. He had informed them they had representatives in the house who had been in possession of the bill and should have supplied them with copies of the bill as they should have done. He hoped that Mr. Drury would be more careful in his statements after this, and also try to do his duty more faithfully by his constituents than this incident showed him to be doing. He hoped Mr. Drury would not repeat his offence. (Laughter.)

Mr. Drury continuing angrily, assailed the government on many points. He charged the government with collusion with the Socialist members. Challenged by the Premier to name his informants as to the statement that merchants were reducing their stocks, Mr. Drury could not mention any names; he excused himself on the ground that he could not divulge the private affairs of merchants of this city. Mr. Drury then drew an exceedingly depressing picture of the sufferings of the merchants under the tax. The Premier again challenged. Mr. Drury could not mention names. The Premier charged him with trying to bluff the House, which Mr. Drury denied. Mr. Drury was going on to give illustrations, one of which was a man who invested his money in a mortgage, and to show how he would be taxed, when Mr. Cotton pointed out that the property so mortgaged would in any case have to pay taxes as real property. Mr. Drury indignantly wanted to know if the hon. member for Richmond insinuated that he was knowingly making false statements on the floor of this House. Mr. Cotton reiterated his point, and showed where Mr. Drury had blundered. Mr. Drury then proceeded to criticise the Assessment Act in other sections. He doubted if even a dollar of the million dollar loan would be converted into inscribed stock, as had been suggested by government supporters. He was disappointed that no statement had been made regarding the New Westminster traffic bridge, in the estimate of cost of which there was a discrepancy of some $64,000. He regretted so often that the Premier was not in his seat that the House smiled at each regret as at a joke. Mr. Drury had very much to ask and tell the Premier. He lamented that Mr. Hall's motion regarding the fish traps had been on the order paper for many weeks, and nothing could be done with it because the government were not ready to go on with it. Mr. Drury then spoke on the alleged misuse of public funds by the government before the election. Mr. Drury mentioned the poor vote for Cariboo, and was immediately pulled up by the Chief Commissioner, who pointed out that $54,000, not $10,000, had been appropriated in the estimates for public works in Cariboo. Mr. Drury stood corrected and confessed negligence in examining the estimates. Mr. Drury then spoke of the Fernie ballot box question. Mr. Drury pathetically described the crimes of the government in regard to Fernie and Lillooet to the great amusement of the House. Mr. Drury then took up the educational question and animadverted upon the alleged iniquity of compelling certain classes of teachers to take the Normal School course. The province, he declared, was being deprived of the services of some of its brightest young people by the provisions of the bill, simply because they could not afford the cost of the course at the Normal School. He cited the case of Ontario as one to be imitated by the people of this province. Mr. Drury then defended the Dominion government, and said posterity would recognize what the Dominion government had done for this province. That government had conferred a great boon on the people of this province in many directions, and he hoped that would offset the bad deeds of the provincial government. Mr. Drury then took up the land question and discussed it in the same strain at some length.

Mr. Parker Williams said he could not stand a slur on the party to which he belonged. He was proud of being a Socialist. Some men who were bound to take very much higher rank intellectually and almost in every other honorable particular than any hon. member in this or any other legislature in this country. He ventured to mention the name of the late John Stuart Mill, whose name it was only sufficient to mention to enforce respect and honor. John Stuart Mill was a declared Socialist and proud of the name. There were other great men who might be mentioned by such a name as he had mentioned should silence all sneers as to the name and idea Socialist. Mr. Williams denied that the government were retained in power by the vote of the two Socialist members. It was simply a question of mathematics; there were 22 Conservatives; 17 Liberals, 1 labor and 2 Socialist members. Perhaps if a vote of want of confidence in the government were brought up he might vote for it if it were not for the unpleasant fact that the success of that motion would put the Liberals in power, when he would be confronted with the plain duty of voting immediately for a want of confidence in them, too. (Much laughter.) Between the two he much preferred the present government to their vis-a-vis. (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. Williams denounced the immigration methods pursued on behalf of British Columbia in the United Kingdom. The statement of conditions as set forth in these pamphlets is entirely misleading. Those who were here knew perfectly well that these pamphlets did not state the facts. He considered it an attempt to flood the labor market in this province. No other body than the labor would stand it. The provincial government spent from $8,000 to $10,000 a year to bring labor into the province. The Dominion government spent half a million. He objected to the laboring men being asked to contribute one cent to help bring in competition for themselves. The Assessment Act made him think that this province was breeding a cheaper breed of men than heretofore. The British Columbia taxpayer was like Artemus Ward, who was willing to sacrifice all his wife's relatives on the altar of his country. So it was with the taxpayers of British Columbia; they had no objection to everybody else paying taxes, but when it came to themselves they wanted to be excused. (Laughter.) Mr. Williams made great sport of the contention of the Liberals that the Kootenay should be opened up by reading a list of names of persons who had, through an agent applied for coal and oil licenses. Of this batch nine were women and forty American citizens not residents of this country—and that completed this particular list. Similar revelations could easily be made. He concluded by moving the adjournment of the debate. Carried.

RETURNS PRESENTED.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow presented a return asked for by the hon. member for Lillooet, showing the number of big game licenses issued last year for that district.

The House adjourned at 10.45 until 2 o'clock today.

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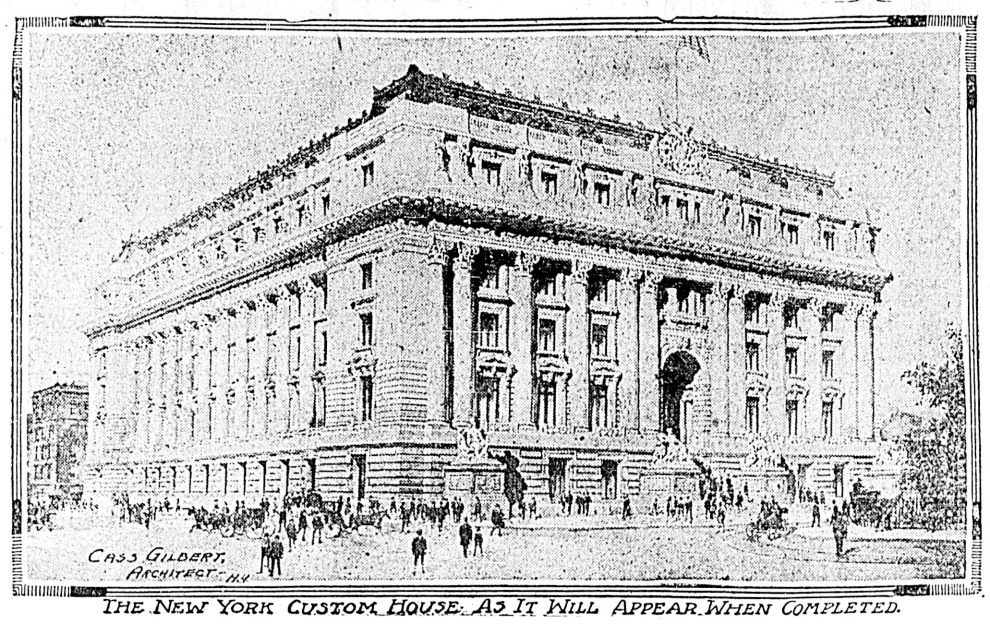

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Victoria	9:00	12:00	Victoria	3:00	7:00
Shawnigan Lake	10:26	10:45	Shawnigan Lake	4:20	5:40
Duncans	11:00	10:02	Duncans	5:00	5:00
Ladysmith	11:57	9:10	Ladysmith	6:05	4:06
Nanaimo	12:40	8:20	Nanaimo	6:41	3:15
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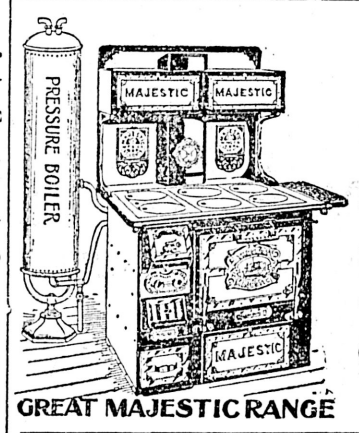

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Empress Of Japan For the Orient

White Liner Sailed Early This Morning—Chinese Line Withdraws.

As a Result a S. F. Company Fails—Mera Coming to Discharge Nitrate.

R. M. S. Empress of Japan sailed for the Orient early this morning, and included amongst her saloon passengers were a large number of war correspondents, in fact the greatest number of those on board were correspondents bound to the front in expectation of war between Russia and Japan. Among the stormy petrels are Melton Prior, the veteran correspondent and artist of the Illustrated London News, J. F. Bass and R. H. Little of the Chicago Daily News, Mr. William Maxwell, representing the London Standard, accompanied by Mrs. Maxwell; Mr. C. L. Browmell, a man of literary attainments, author of "In the Heart of Japan," who is associated in this mission with Mr. Maxwell on the staff of the Standard, and a representative of the London Daily Telegraph, and Mr. R. J McHugh. Mr. Bennett Burleigh, the famous war correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph, passed through the city en route to the Orient some time ago.

Other passengers on the Empress were Senator Washburn, M. Clemens, Mrs. J. S. Bach and child, F. Ringes, C. Jackson, H. J. Brown, H. E. Athearn, H. G. Pringle, R. J. Shaw, G. I. Townsend, Rev. W. A. Roberts, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Horton, Kwan Chow, Chan Hee Tai, Wong Nim.

The Empress while here loaded the two big boats of the draft of R. G. A. which recently sailed for Hongkong.

KETREL HERE.

Vancouver Gunboat Lying in James Bay While Quadra is Tied Up.

The Vancouver gunbat, Kestrel, with her ram bow and junk-like appearance, lies in James Bay. She has been cruising in northern waters watching that all foreign fishing vessels other than those operated out of Vancouver, are kept off the British Columbia fishing banks.

The Kestrel came over from Vancouver, her home port, on Sunday. Her coming is due to the fact that the necessity of having a vessel here while the Quadra is being repaired has been drawn to the attention of the department of marine and fisheries.

MARINE NOTES.

The steamer City of Puebla sailed for San Francisco on Sunday night. Among her passengers from here were Miss Mardsen H. Clarke and wife and A. G. Langley and bride.

The steamer Mera of the Kosmos line passed up to Seattle yesterday from San Francisco. The steamer will arrive at Victoria tomorrow, from the Sound to discharge about a thousand tons of nitre, which she is bringing from the South American coast for the Victoria Chemical Works.

Repairs are about completed to the R. M. S. Moana and she is expected to be ready to sail for the southern colonies on February 2nd.

The Vancouver Province says: "Without exception the Vancouver pilots are of the opinion that a light on Trial island would be a great aid to the navigation of the waters in the vicinity of that place, and they will so state when replying to a communication from Victoria."

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office.
Victoria, Jan. 25.—8 p. m.
SYNOPSIS.

The barometer which has been abnormally high over the North Pacific Slope, is now falling throughout the Province, Temperatures have risen in California, but the weather is cloudy and cool north of the Columbia river. Light rain has fallen along the straits and five inches of snow at Barkerville. Present conditions indicate snowfall in this district. In the Northwest snow is falling in Alberta, but elsewhere fair weather prevails. The cold wave still overspreads the entire region, with maximum temperatures today ranging from 20 to 16 below zero.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	33	43
New Westminster	30	34
Kamloops	12	26
Barkerville	14	24
Dawson	—4	0
Calgary	—2	20
Winnipeg	—34	—16
Portland, Ore	36	38
San Francisco	44	60

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Tuesday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Winds chiefly southerly, cloudy with rain or snow and stationary or lower temperature.

Lower Mainland: Easterly and southerly winds, unsettled with snow or sleet, and stationary or lower temperature.

THE FISHER OF NICE.

A splash of yellow light from the doorway of the cafe at St. Maurin into the still, blue darkness of the little quay, where a couple of flickering lamps only served to make the gloom more profound.

The moon had not risen and the pale radiance of the stars showed the long, low swell of an oily sea.

Against the wall of the sea lay a tiny sailing yacht. Further out, midway between the horns of the harbor, a fishing boat with widespread sails that seemed hardly to catch the faint evening air drifted like a shadow through the night.

In the cafe half a dozen men, fishers of this little port, lounged idly over their glasses. Old Antoine, the innkeeper, drowsed as usual in his corner chair. Jean Modeste, his grandson, sat with a torn net across his knees and his black head bent.

The rest sipped their coarse wine and talked to each other spasmodically of the weather or the prospects of a good catch.

Suddenly, Jean Modeste, looked up from the tear in the net, made with his free hand the sign of the cross. The others looked at him with curious, half frightened eyes. He was staring through the open doorway at the sea. There was an instant of heavy silence. The glasses ceased to clink and only old Antoine snored softly in the corner.

Jean Modeste's eyes fell again to his net.

"The fisher!" he said, in a low tone of explanation.

Every one, except the sleeping innkeeper, turned at once to the door. Between the horns of the bay the one wide sail was drifting lazily nearer. Again there was silence in the cafe, an odd, unwholesome stillness, heavy with ill omen and expectation of evil to come.

Presently big Jules Bontemps took a draught of his wine and set the glass down noiselessly on the table at which he sat.

"For my part," said he, "I don't believe in this fisher—there! Every sail you see near St. Maurin, it's the same thing with you all—the fisher. I'm a stranger—I thank the good God there's no fisher in this port of Nice—no. Now, will any of you tell me, my friends, who this fisher of yours is, and what he seeks?"

The question was addressed generally to the whole company present, but nobody answered. Instead, they all looked at Jean Modeste as he bent over his net.

"Who is he"—he spoke meditatively. "What he seeks—that's another matter. They do say——"

He broke off and glanced again through the open door. The black sail was drifting slowly toward the land.

"Well, what do they say?" Bontemps asked impatiently.

The young man turned again to his net.

"They say," he answered in the same, low tone, "that he fishes for the souls of men."

Bontemps stared for a second. Then he flung back his rough black head with a great laugh.

"The souls of men! Ah, my faith, that's good. Are you Christians, then, in this harbor of St. Maurin?"

"As good as any in the port of Nice," Jean Modeste replied, with a touch of heat.

Bontemps laughed again.

"No offence, my friend. But come, it's absurd, you know. It's moonshine, that's what it is. This fisher of yours——"

Jean Modeste cut through his speech and lifted his finger from his net to point through the door.

"There," he said, "is the fisher. Laugh if you please."

Bontemps was silent. The shadowy sail had drifted very near. Again stillness fell upon the little group, broken only by the old man's heavy breathing.

"Laugh, if you please!" Jean Modeste said again. "None of us here will laugh with you. What if we cannot tell you who the fisher is? We know his work well enough. Did he not follow my brothers' boat, the Marie Blanche, the last voyage she ever took? Never a man came back to tell the tale, but the fisher sailed behind them out of St. Maurin bay. That I saw with these eyes—yes!"

Bontemps did not answer. A kind of breathlessness had fallen upon the rest. Jean Modeste shifted the net across his knee and spoke once more:

"You ask what the fisher seeks?" he said. "Well, in the port of Nice he may have other business for what I know; But here, when he sails in the bay, he seeks a man's soul."

The men in the cafe watched with a deep, unacknowledged sense of relief. Still, for a while no one spoke. The little grimy, ill-smelling place was extraordinarily silent; it seemed as though something within its walls had ceased; it held the emptiness of a room in which a piece of machinery had just been run down.

Bontemps was the first to speak.

"Well, there," he said, drawing a quick breath, "your fisher's gone. He knows how to sail his ship—I'll say that for him, whoever he is. But what did he seek, eh? What fish was he after, your fisher of souls?"

No one answered, and Bontemps chuckled a little quietly. Jean Modeste gathered his net upon his arm and rose to all his height as he turned from the open door.

Then suddenly he stood rigid and the nets slipped and fell at his feet in a brown tangle. The others, nervous with reaction after the tension of that moment when the shadow of the black sail lay across the quay, followed the direction of his startled look. There was a quick movement of horror, of surprise, and with the shuffling of rough sea boots upon the bare floor the lean, blue-shirted seamen rose to their feet.

For old Antonio's gray head had fallen forward on his breast, his hoarse breathing was still. He sat dead in his corner chair, with his untouched wine beside him!

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Without, in the clear, blue night, a dark-sailed boat went racing to the sea. The fisher had not fished in vain.—St. Louis World.

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Sabattis Casslan, governor of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, died the other day on the reservation on Indian Island, Me. Gov. Casslan was one of the big sachems of the tribe.

Narrow Chests.

The old theory that consumption was inherited is utterly discredited by modern medical science. The germs of consumption must be received from without. These germs are every where. They are constantly being received and cast out by the healthy system. It is the narrow chested whose inheritance is weakness who fall a prey to consumption because they are too weak of lung to resist and throw off disease.

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The numbers of the drawn debentures will be duly advertised for the information of the holders thereof.

J. H. LAWSON,
Secretary.

Wharf Street, Victoria, Jan. 23rd, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us the undersigned, James Harris Errickson and William Walter Ely, both of the city of Victoria, carrying on business as The Edison Display Co., at the Edison Theatre at the city of Victoria, B. C., has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The debts due to and owing by the said partnership will be received and paid by the sa'd James Harris Errickson, who will in future carry on the business at the same address.

Dated this 14th day of January, 1904.

JAMES H. ERRICKSON.
WILLIAM WALTER ELY.

Witness:
J. M. BRADBURN, Solicitor,
Victoria, B. C.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply at the next session of the Board of License Commissioners of the City of Victoria, for a transfer of the license now held by me to sell liquors by retail upon the premises known as the "Everett Exchange" Saloon, Esquimalt road, to Phillip Crombie.

FRED MASON.
By his Attorney in Fact.
W. F. DICKSON.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Under and by virtue of a Writ of Fieri Facias, issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, in an action, Sinclair Provision Co. vs. The B. C. Cold Storage, Ice and Produce Co., Ltd., and subsequent writs to me directed, I have seized and taken possession of the goods, chattels and effects of the defendants herein, and will offer the same for sale at Public Auction on the premises No. 28 Store street, on Tuesday next, the 26th inst. at eleven o'clock a. m. Goods to be sold comprise large J. J. Taylor Safe, Roller Office Desks, Tables, Chairs, Counter, Scales, Freight elevator, etc.

F. G. RICHARDS,
Sheriff.

January 23rd, 1904.

In the Matter of the Will and Estate of Godfrey Kennell, Deceased.

Tenders will be received addressed to the Executors of this estate up to the 12th day of February, 1904, for the purchase of lot No. 61, Victoria City, with the 5 cottages thereon.

The property is situated on the southwest corner of Blanchard and View streets opposite St. Andrew's Cathedral.

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Dated 12th January, 1904.

S. PERRY MILLS,
Solicitor for Executors,
Victoria, B. C.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the License Commissioners at the next sitting of their board for a transfer of the license issued in my name for the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors by retail at the Victoria Theatre building, Imperial Hotel, on View and Douglas streets, 'n the city of Victoria, to Jacob J. Schmidt, of the said city of Victoria.

Dated at Victoria, this 15th January, 1904.

JOHN H. GOSNELL.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting as a licensing court, for a transfer of my license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail, upon the premises situate on the north side of Johnson street, in the city of Victoria, and known as the International Hotel, to George Holder.

Dated this 13th day of January, 1904.

GEO. B. HOWARD.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting for the transfer of the license now held by me, to George L. Jones, for the purpose of selling wines, spirits, beer, etc., on the premises known as the "Albion" Saloon, situated on the corner of Commercial Alley and Yates street, in this city.

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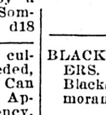

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Provincial Legislature

Debate In Motion to Go Into Committee of Supply Continued.

Opposition Speakers Serve Up All the Previous Argument Again.

Night Sessions Began Last Evening in Dead Earnest.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock p. m.

MOTIONS.

On motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General the following bills were introduced, read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow:

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to Regulate Immigration into British Columbia."

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to Amend the 'Public Parks Act.'"

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act for the Incorporation and Regulation of Joint Stock Companies and Trading Corporations."

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act Relating to the Attachment of Debts."

On the motion of Mr. Evans, Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to Amend the 'Line Fences and Water Courses Act,'" was introduced, read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

Mr. Oliver moved the following resolution: That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable to amend the "South African War Land Grant Act, 1901," so as to allow of the widowed mother of a deceased volunteer receiving the grant in certain cases.

Mr. Oliver briefly explained to the House the purport of the motion. Much hardship had been suffered by widows and other relatives of South African Volunteers, and it was to make the grant operative in such cases that this resolution was brought forward.

The Premier strongly supported the resolution, which had, he said, his warmest approval. He would consult the Attorney-General toward having an amendment to the Act brought forward as soon as possible so as to avoid red tape and delay as much as possible. Carried.

THE LILLOOET SEAT.

Mr. Henderson moved the following resolution: that the attention of this House having been called touching the payment of public money to Archibald McDonald, sitting in this House for the electoral district of Lillooet, for services rendered in connection with the public works of this province, that all matters connected therewith be referred to a select committee, consisting of the Hon. the President of the Council, Mr. Gifford and the mover, and that said committee be directed to inquire into the facts, to summon witnesses, to call for documents and records touching the qualification or disqualification of said Archibald McDonald to be elected to sit in this House as a member thereof for the said electoral district, and report the same to this House.

The following is the bill introduced by the Premier regarding this:

Whereas at the last general election the honorable member for East Lillooet electoral district was returned without opposition;

And whereas antecedent to such election he had been in the employment of the Provincial Government;

And whereas at the request of the public engineer, the said honorable member continued to supervise certain provincial works;

And whereas through a mistaken view of the law, he accepted payment for services for the month of September and on discovering his mistake returned the sum wrongly received;

And whereas doubts have arisen as to the validity of his election, and it is against public policy that there should be any doubts as to the validity of said election;

Therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the legislative assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

1. Notwithstanding any disqualification for election or to sit or vote in the legislative assembly by reason of any act, matter or thing done, or omitted to be done, by Mr. Archibald McDonald, he is now declared to have been lawfully elected as a member of the legislative assembly of the Province of British Columbia, and to be qualified to sit and vote therein, and is hereby indemnified, exonerated, freed and discharged from all penalties which would otherwise have been incurred under the provisions of the "Constitution Act."

2. This act may be pleaded in bar of and as a discharge of any action now pending or that may hereafter be brought against the said Mr. Archibald McDonald for any alleged violation of the terms of the "Constitution Act."

The Premier had no desire to obstruct the intentions of the mover of the resolution, but as a bill covering the whole matter was on the order for second reading that day he doubted if Mr. Henderson were in order. He thereupon raised the point of order.

Mr. Henderson said Mr. McDonald had on his own confession received pay from the government during the month of September. It was necessary that this House should know the facts before discussing the question. Otherwise no one would understand the bill introduced by the Premier. He had investigated and found that the Premier had stated the facts exactly as they were, and he had therefore brought this resolution forward.

Mr. Henderson said that Mr. McDonald had declined to make any statement to the House on the invitation of Mr. Oliver.

The Premier believed that all the information necessary could be obtained after the passage of the bill as at the present time. He would ask the House to oppose this resolution. Mr. McDonald had the confidence of the electors of his constituency; had he been guilty of any unworthy act the Premier would never be found introducing a bill to enable him to retain a seat on the floor of this house. He pressed the point of order for ruling.

Mr. Macdonald (Rossland) complained that the Premier was attempting to get the bill passed without giving the House a chance to ascertain whether the statements in the bill are as set forth there. He was surprised at the action of the government.

The Premier said Mr. Macdonald had informed himself that he had received pay for 12 days in September. The Premier recalled another bill of a similar nature, passed in 1899, when Messrs. Prentice and Deane got their seat. The veracity of the ministry was not called in question, the Premier was then in opposition, and he accepted the statements of the ministry as correct.

Mr. Speaker Pooley ruled the motion out of order, on the ground that it anticipated the motion for the second reading of bill No. 40, intituled "An Act to remove doubt as to the validity of the Election of a Member to represent Lillooet Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly," now standing on the orders of the day for second reading, said bill including and dealing with the subject proposed to be dealt with by motion. SeeMay, 10th edition, p. 265.

QUESTIONS.

Mr. Houston asked the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. What action has been taken regarding the expenditure of vote 121, 1903?
2. If no action has been taken, why not?
3. Is it the intention of the government to allow the vote to lapse?
4. If so, why?

The Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows:

1. Tenders were called for.
2. Answered by No. 1.
3. Yes.
3. Yes.
4. Because the government has decided that it is not absolutely necessary to go on with this work at the present moment.

Mr. Oliver asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:

1. Has the Pacific Northern & Omineca Railway Company deposited the security and commenced construction as provided by Statute?
2. If so, when was the security deposited and when was construction commenced?

The Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows:

1. Yes.
2. In compliance with section 17 of the Company's Act of Incorporation (chapter 50, 1900), a bond for $5,000 was deposited on the 25th of August, 1901. The conditions of this bond were complied with by the expenditure in surveys, from July to October, 1901, a declaration of which was filed by the company on the 23rd of November, 1901. Under the requirements of sub-section (c) of section 2 of the Company's Aid Act (chapter 55, 1902), a bond for $25,000 was deposted on the 20th of August, 1903.

Mr. Houston asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

1. What rate was paid newspapers since June 30th, 1903, for advertising delinquent tax sale notices under sub-section (96) of section 7, "Assessment Act, 1903?"
2. In what newspapers were delinquent tax sale notices published since June 30th, 1903, and what amounts were paid each newspaper for such advertisements?

The Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows:

1. Seventy-five cents per line of three columns, excepting the Colonist, which was paid $1 05 per line, for advertising delinquent tax sale of lands in four issues; 15 cents per line for advertising delinquent tax sale of Crown-granted mineral claims in two issues.

2. Nanaimo Free Press, Lillooet Prospector, Golden Star, Colonist, Ladysmith Recorder, Rossland World, Fort Steele Prospector, News-Advertiser, Ledge, Similkameen Star, Revelstoke Herald, Cumberland News, Vernon News, Nelson Tribune, Slocan Drill, Kamloops Standard, Ashcroft Journal, Columbian.

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Rossland World	244 50	
Tribune	93 75	
Nanaimo Free Press	149 25	
Vernon News	26 25	$23 70
Cumberland News	165 00	38 25
Slocan Drill	237 75	
Fort Steele Prospector	61 50	
Golden Star	.....	15 60
Kamloops Standard	.....	20 70
Ashcroft Journal	.....	22 50
Ladysmith Recorder	.....	12 00

Mr. Hawthornthwaite asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:

1. Have rules regulating the procedure under the "Workmen's Compensation Act, 1902," yet been formulated?
2. If not, why not?
3. If not, is it the intention to provide for the same forthwith?

The Hon. Mr. Wilson replied as follows:

1. Yes. The new rules will be promulgated as soon as possible.
2. Answered by reply to question 1.
3. Answered by reply to question 1.

DEBATE ON SUPPLY.

The adjourned debate on the motion to go into committee of supply was resumed by Mr. Brown, and continued his remarks on the subject of the coal and oil licenses of Southeast Kootenay, repeating his charge of bad faith against the government. He quoted from the Canadian Bank of Commerce annual report to the effect that a coal famine might happen in the Boundary country. This, he believed, was another reason why the licenses should be issued. He did not intend his motion as a vote of censure on the government.

Mr. Ross (Fernie) spoke to the amendment and amendment to amendments introduced by the opposition. Had the member for Cranbrook taken the trouble to inform himself he would have found that the government was following a policy in force for 30 years past. Were the resolution to pass it would be a vote of censure on governments for 30 years back. It was in a "roorback," and would strike at governments who were among his own supporters. The member for Cranbrook had not in debate put forward any very valuable or original suggestions regarding those licenses. The member for Alberni, in fact, damned the motion with faint praise; neither had the members for Chilliwack and the Islands had no very severe strictures to pass upon the government. The motion had been brought in in a moment of political exuberance and without consultation with the opposition caucus. He was curious to know what the hon. member for Columbia would say about it. He appreciated the importance of the question; he was as anxious as anyone to have those lands opened up as soon as possible. It would bring about a condition of prosperity perhaps unexampled in the history of that country. If the members for Greenwood and Cranbrook could give any substantial reasons for supporting this motion he would be glad to hear them; but he would not support such a motion on the evidence educed by those hon. members. The matter appeared to rest wholly with the Federal government at Ottawa; it would be better if the member for Cranbrook addressed his efforts to the headquarters of his particular political persuasion instead of holding this matter over the heads of the present government like a sword of Damocles. It was urged to take immediate action, but that would produce conditions which no member of this House would care to see. He reiterated his advice to Dr King to appeal to Ottawa first; he would do so had he the true interests of the country at heart. This proposed vote of censure was put forward in total ignorance of the facts connected with the coal and oil lands. It was advanced merely as a test of the loyalty of supporters of the government.

Mr. Shatford (Similkameen) spoke strongly in favor of the continuation of the Coast-Kootenay railway which would greatly benefit the Similkameen country and the entire province. The Similkameen was, perhaps, the richest mineral area of British Columbia; it was a great fruit-growing country; tons of peaches had to rot at Keremeos last summer owing to lack of transportation. With a railway all that fine land would become enormously profitable, which was at present given up to roving bands of range cattle. The mining resources af the Similkameen country had attracted the attention of mining men all ocer America. The immense placer and copper and gold leads are well known, but without railroads very little could be done. When capitalists would invest millions of dollars in that country it proved to him that the country had the resources, and that it only required transportation facilities to enable it to take its place amongst the great producing sections of British Columbia. The people of Victoria and Vancouver should take as much interest in the building of the Coast-Kootenay railroad as the people of Similkameen, for they would benefit equally. He would like to have an expression of the views of the government on the floor of the House on this matter.

Mr. Cameron thought this was the occasion in which the members took the opportunity of ventilating their views on everything in particular under the skies of British Columbia, and he did not propose to let such an opportunity pass without seizing it with avidity. Mr. Cameron then proceeded to catalogue his views upon things in general and the government in particular. He reiterated in great part the views already expressed by nearly all the members of the opposition.

Mr. Murphy (Cariboo) complained that no member of the government had been into the district of Cariboo for the past six or eight years. He and his colleague knew more about the wants of that district than the government and its agents. He ridiculed the appropriation for the Cariboo district, and said the sum in the estimates, $10,000, would not begin to repair the present roads and trails extending over 500 miles. He charged the government with misuse of public funds in his and other districts. He then went on to deal with the issues so far dealt with by the House, dealing first with the finances in a general way, condemning the government's policy. He criticised the assessment bill, having been an assessor himself; he told in an amusing manner of the evasions of the Act, and said the main thing was to assess property and see that what was due was collected. An aphorism of Mr. Murphy's was—the more you amend an Act the worse it becomes; better let them alone; they are bad enough as they are. The working men of Cariboo had asked him to see if he could not get the $5 head tax repealed by the Semlin-Cotton government reimposed. He then asked the government for a statement of its railway policy; also as to land, civil service reform.

Mr. Richard Hall followed in a general criticism of the government's policy. This country, he argued would never be worth a continental until railroads ran through every art of it. He hoped to see a strong railroad policy brought down by the government. But for the proposal to build a transcontinental railway was the only thing that varied the prospects of British Columbia from being very blue.

Mr. Oliver spoke strictly to the amendment before the House. He strenuously besought the government to reveal its policy on a number of questions. Mr. Oliver spoke at considerable length, reviewing the history of the present session of the legislature with some minuteness. Mr. Oliver took a somewhat sad view of the prospects of the province. He wanted to know who was going to decide the ownership of the Southeast Kootenay coal and oil land claims, which, he alleged, had been staked three times over. He blamed the government for its financial policy, and said that if the Kootenay blocks had been opened up for prospecting and working, a very large sum in ready money would have been available. Besides, it would have settled the fuel question and saved the smelters from being shut down

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After Dinner

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NO LIVES LOST HAD SHE BEEN INSURED

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came deck to make a flare. Capt. Roberts replied, "What do you want to do, set fire to the vessel? If you set her afire she'll be in a worse condition than she is now." It looked as if the bailers were holding their own, but this may have been imagination. The watertight bulkheads assisted in keeping her afloat. Many passengers had asked him to go to Capt. Roberts and use his influence to have Capt. Roberts transfer them to the Holyoke when she came up, but he knew what Capt. Roberts' answer would have been. Capt. Roberts would have politely told him that he was running the ship. He thought the passengers could have been put on the Holyoke. Had remarked at the time that was what ought to have been done. Heard several say they had asked Capt. Roberts to do so, and he had refused. If the rudder had been all right and Capt. Roberts could have got the steamer around, he would have attended to the engine room part of it. She had considerable list to starboard and this kept the broken deadlight under water and a continual stream poured in.

About a week before the disaster he had nailed a board over the broken deadlight, but this had been swept off by scraping on the wharf at Port Townsend. Capt. Roberts had said in evidence that he did not know that the deadlight was not in good order, but, said witness, he seemed to know all about the pumps and the engine room, and testified that everything was in working order there. When he had first notified the captain of the water in the engine room there was about a foot there. The water was about six or eight inches over the floor when the pumps choked. He could not then get to the end of the pipes. The floor was eighteen inches, or two feet, above the skin.

To Mr. Lugrin—He said there was a fire pump, a line pump which continually worked on the bilge when the engines were running; a circulating pump, which could be fitted to the bilge, and a small siphon, an inch and a half. The fire pump was working when he notified the captain. Half an hour, or three-quarters of an hour, after the port broke, the circulator was put on the bilge. There were possibly eighteen inches on the starboard side of the floor then. The port side was almost dry. The suction of the pumps was on the port side, but they did not work until the water rose more. The pumps got chocked under the skin and he could not reach them. He opened the mud box a number of times. Coal and ashes were washing into the bilge under the skin. The skin had opened up, the seams spreading half or three-quarters of an inch under the boilers owing to the heat. The suction of the pumps was all on the port side, and the water was supposed to run under the keelsons, but it didn't seem to. The pumps worked all right until they cogged. In the opening of the mud box five or six minutes were occupied. When the box was cleared the pumps choked under the skin. He was under the impression at first that the seams had opened under the boilers, but could not bring himself to believe that. There was water under the boilers. He did not remember stating in evidence at Seattle that the port did not cut much figure. Water had been coming in from the weather side over the main deck as well as through the deadlight.

When he had asked Capt. Roberts to get the steamer around to the wind she was about four miles from Dungeness Spit, and he believed that the captain could have got her under the lee of the land near Protection Island if necessary, if the efforts with the deadlight had not been successful when the steamer was brought around. The steamer was to the northwest of Protection Island when he first noticed the water. The steamer had never leaked before. She had been very tight, but had not been in any storm before. If Capt. Hall had known the condition of the Clallam he could have taken her to the lee of Smith Island, and had fair wind going there.

When Capt. Roberts was notified of the condition of the steamer there was nothing, master as the engine room was as concerned, to prevent him getting her around. He would have known of the water on board by the manner in which the steamer handled. He had seen Capt. Roberts put the wheel hard over to port when he went to the pilot house to notify him of the water, but the helm did not have much effect on the rudder. The jib had been hoisted in the effort to bring her around the other way, but did not seem to have any effect. The water in her was not sufficient to prevent her going around. The steamer could have gone back to Port Townsend if she could have been got round.

The deadlight had been blocked at first with woollen blankets and shored up in from the skin to above the skin with wooden wedges. As they were about to secure it a sea struck the deadlight and sent everything adrift. The blanket went out through the port; water poured in. They rustled around, found other blankets and wood, but the water knocked everything away. There was a distance of sixteen inches between the skin and the deadlight. There was no lead in the deadlights. He kept working at the deadlight until so much water got in that he could not reach it. He was working at it after the pumps had stopped, after the fires were out. He notified Capt. Roberts before the pumps clogged. They were working when the captain sent the first officer down. There was steam on then. There was a foot of water on the floor.

The circulating pump had been put on the bilge by an oiler at his instructions. It was necessary to close the main injection. The oiler closed this while witness opened the suction to the bilge. If the main injection had not been closed water would have continued to flow into the bilge. It was impossible for the sea to have flooded the vessel through this seacock. At the last the deadlight was under water altogether. The greater the list the more water came in. If running before the wind the deadlight would have been out of the water. If she was bow on to the wind she would have straightened. The cargo was light and didn't affect her much. The shifting of the cargo made little difference. His relations with Capt. Roberts had always been friendly.

The Clallam made more water after the Holyoke took her in tow than before. Towing seemed to sink her quicker. He saw the flag flying, but it was too black to distinguish the Union being up or down from the deck, much less from a passing vessel. He would assume that a ship a mile away would not see it. All the officers were billeted to the boats; he was billeted to No. 3 boat by the rules. He was not in charge. Had not been notified when she was launched. He would not have gone in her if he had. He thought she would have been smashed up alongside the steamer. There were rules for the officers to take charge of the boats, but they were supposed to be notified by the master of the ship. No. 1 boat was the chief officer's boat, but he had not gone in it. Not one of the officers billeted to the boats went in them. He did not think any boat was assigned to the captain under the rules. Some of the crew, two deckhands, three firemen, an oiler and the messboy had gone in the boats. Most of them were drowned. He had seen a boat capsize from a port on the lower deck. She was away from the steamer's side; there were people clinging to it, he saw many others in the water. Nothing was done that he saw to help them. He went to the hurricane deck after the boats were launched and assisted to put the weather boats over. This occupied an hour. They were all smashed against the steamer's side, except one, in which an oiler got away as the steamer was sinking. Donkey boilers were not required on inland steamers, although the Alaskan boats have them.

It was customary to pile cargo about the deck pumps. He had moved cargo for ten or fifteen minutes before they were manned. They soon choked. When the Holyoke came she was near enough for the passengers to be saved by lines. He was positive that Capt. Roberts had not told Capt. Hall, of the Holyoke, of the condition of the steamer. If the steamer had been insured for a hundred thousand dollars, he said, no one would have been lost. The only object the captain had was to try to save his ship. When he got to Seattle and was interviewed by a reporter the first thing he spoke of was his ship and of his money having helped to build her. He wasn't worrying about the lives that were lost.

He thought the reversing of the engines might have done some good when the captain could not get the steamer around. When the pumps were clogged it was almost impossible to have disconnected them and cleaned them out. He had tried, but found it no good. He was given a crew of five men, an oiler, fireman and deckhand and two others for his boat. He did not know about the boat's equipment. It was not his duty to look after that. The average deckhand on the Sound steamers did not know anything about handling boats; they were not required to. All they were required to do was to handle freight.

Capt. George Roberts, master of the lost steamer Clallam, who has been so severely criticized on account of his actions in connection with the Clallam disaster, and First Officer W. Doney will come to Victoria to give evidence before the coroner's inquest. The coroner was notified to this effect yesterday by Mr. Blackwood that they would come to testify when the Seattle enquiry closes.

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